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1912 - January, March, May, June, July, August, September, November, December

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1914 - January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, November, December

1915 - January, February, April, May, August, September, October

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1918 - July, August

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1921 - August

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Monthly report for June, 1909

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Ladies and Gentlemen;

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One hundred adult and ninety-five children's names were registered this month making a total of one hundred and ninety-five. This number is small in comparison with the population of our city but the numbers will grow. Our library is yet new; besides there are many who come in for reference work and to read the periodicals merely, whose names are not in our register.

Circulation

The library was open for circulation of books twenty-three days. Four hundred and sixty one volumes , a daily average of twenty, were issued. 1406 books by gift have been accessioned. The purpose of the library is not to induce individuals to read more but more people to read and with discrimination. We want to stimulate intellectual curiosity, then satisfy it. It is our firm belief that the library should stand far above the cheap theatre in its influence, that it should stand for real culture . Our first consideration is for those who have real wants, not primarily for those who seek something "new" regardless of merit.

The most urgent need is felt for the lighter novels that have outlived more than the mere moment, the standard fiction and the classes Useful Arts, History and Sociology and books for children. Every spare moment has been devoted to the revision of the first and inadequate records.

Juvenile department

This is the place where the literary taste of the majority of our future citizens is made or marred and the greatest possible care should be exercised in the choice of these books. It is our belief that a few books of real merit wield a better and larger influence than many of mediocre value .The eagerness with which children receive the books testifies to their need. There is no more important feature of library work than this with children . Our entire work is sadly hampered by lack of funds.

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I wish now to express my appreciation of the excellent work done by the different committees and to thank you heartily for the ready help and encouragement you have given me in my work - a work than which, when relations are so cordial, there can be more delightful.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Delle Jones - Librarian.

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August 2, 1909

To the Board of Directors
Charleston Public Library

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I have the honor of presenting the second monthly report of the Charleston Public Library. The figures shown in the report are a matter of congratulation as they are a proof of the continued popular use and of the appreciation of the Library.

The Library now possesses 1550 volumes which are used by 411 borrowers. This is an increase over June by books of 144 and by card holders of 216.

Circulation

The circulation of books for July numbered 1223 which is a gain of 730 over that of the previous month. The daily average circulation for June was twenty, for July forty-seven.

It is the aim of the Library to become a factor in the life of Charleston by giving every aid possible to individuals by the use of experience.

We must call attention to the fact that it is not possible to do more with the means at our disposal and it is a grave question as to what privileges we must cut off unless the city makes us an appropriation for library purposes. Shall we go on developing the work of the Library or must we limit it to less than it now is? It is for the city to decide.

Children's department

The number of books drawn from the children's department for July equalled 60% of the whole circulation. Effective as this department is it could be made much more so were it possible to give to it the books and the service it calls for. Personal influence andpersonal interest count very high in the degree of effectiveness in work with children.

Mabel Dulle Jones - Librarian

November 15, 1909

To the Board of Trustees
Ladies and Gentlemen;

To one who is in daily touch with the clientele of the library and who hears the expressions of appreciation and knows to what extent the books are being used, the growth of the library is so evident there seems little need to call attention to this. Charleston citizens will be glad to know theirs is a reading public and the people have only been waiting the realization of the long felt want.

The Public Library is by no means a luxury; it is an extension of the broad system of education. The books that a boy reads for pleasure do more to determine his ideals and shape his character than the text books he studies in the schools. Wholesome literature can be furnished to all the readers in a community at a small cost. If there is a good Public Library children will read wholesome books, otherwise they will read what they can get because they will read something and this is more often than not the cheapest kind of literature. This is proven by children newly registered in the Library. How easily the child mind can be directed to better things is clearly shown here. They are first given something as near what they ask for as can be found in the Library. Gradually step by step their ideals are raised and they no longer care to gloat over the exploits of depraved men and women, but they now enjoy literature that informs and inspires. The Library is thus substituting, by natural methods, clean conversation and literature for petty gossip and oral and printed teachings in vice.

The Library now possesses 1936 volumes and these are used by 950 borrowers. This is an increase by books of 200 and by card holders of 200. Books are still being given and we continue to need more.

Circulation

The circulation for October has gone beyond any month of the Library's existence. 1,734 books were issued making a daily average of sixty-six. Up to November 15, 1,048 books have been issued. This is a daily average of eighty for the first half of November. The eighth day of November the circulation was 118. This is the greatest number issued by the Library for any one day.

Reference and Reading Rooms

Reference work, the answering of questions and looking up material on different subjects both for the school children and study clubs, has greatly increased. The Librarian is always glad to give her assistance in this important phase of Library work. The reading rooms are more and more coming to be used by the townspeople and to sojourners in the city the Library is the place where most of their time is spent. This should be so. The rooms are well lighted and the best periodicals are here to be read.

Gifts.

The friends of the Library are daily increasing. This month the Home Telephone Co. installed one of their phones gratis for a year. The Library now has both phones. The various churches and clubs are giving us substantial aid. It is by the help of these largely that the Library has maintained its existence.

Mabel Dillon Lowe - Librarian

Monthly report.

To the Board of Directors
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The Library is now just one half year old. For the six months just past the Library's struggle for existence has been arduous but the resulting good has I believe far exceeded the expections of the most sanguine. The cooperation especially during the month just past of trustees and Librarian and public in general is conducive only of the best results. Too much credit cannot be given to the two daily papers for what they have done toward the promotion of so worthy an institution. In so many ways have we been helped and encouraged and made to feel the interest is becoming so wide spread that it surely only to be a short time before some philanthropic being or this great city itself will give to the Public Library the aid it so surely deserves.

Circulation

A proof of the Library's popularity is its daily circulation. There are now 1050 borrowers registered. In spite of the decline in circulation owing to the busy Christmas season the daily average for the month from November 15 thru December 15 has been 834, the highest yet obtained. 2081 books were issued. The juvenile circulation was 60% of the whole. The first borrowers of the library are now in many cases regular readers of the best literature.

But the circulation alone by no means represents the best work of the Library that is just a part of its great usefulness. Every week brings into the Library two or three new students. To these our reference collection, small as it is, is of the greatest value. Our New International dictionary, c.1909, is our latest and best acquisition. There is one other thing we should add to our splendid nucleus an atlas. Seldom does one day pass without a call for this. We have a few good maps but these are not complete. Many of the High School students as well as the townspeople come to the Libraryffor reference work. It is always the greatest pleasure to give to them the material they want so much and I am anxious to work toward the completion of this important side of Library usefulness by adding at the earliest possible moment a good atlas and Poole's Index to periodicals. Ifit it is our good fortune to receive the seventy-five dollars offered by the Globe Furniture Co. at Christmas time, I can foresee some splendid additions to our book collection.

I shall not attempt to enumerate the many needs of the Library. As upon the opening day, money we must have. Books are received with as much delight. But I do want to thank you for giving me an assistant. The heavy work of the month past necessitated my giving many more hours to the work before and after closing than any of you expected me to give, I am sure. An enthusiastic Librarian will always do this but it is not the best thing for the further advancing of the Library's usefulness. To be sucessful the Librarian must have time

to keep up with Library literature as well as all other literature. She must know what other libraries are doing. She must have some time to plan her work. The board will find that courtesies which may seem like favors will bring large returns in better service and increased usefulness. Anything which is an inspiration to the Librarian is returned to the Library ten fold.

With the opening of the new year calendar I hope to be able to accomplish many things for the advancement of the Library. I wish to express my appreciation of the great interest shown by the trustees and by the constant support and cooperation of the auxiliary committee in my work - a work than which, when relations are so cordial, there can be none more delightful.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Dille Jones
Librarian

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July & August
1911

To

The Library Board of Trustees
Charleston Public Library

Ladies and Gentlemen:

After the summer vacation it is with renewed effort, I hope, that we meet this evening. To all outward appearances no fairy fingers have been at work. The realization of a library building is still in the uncracked shell. The shelves of these rooms are still lacking in the works of knowledge the demands for which are daily and growing. Would that it were possible that someone

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who has it in his power financially or otherwise could know how very great the demand for books of worth really is. Constantly the librarian is called upon for books of research that the shelves fail to supply.

The report for July and August is as follows:

The total circulation was 2,978 volumes. On account of the work of decorating the walls the library was closed for ten days in July making the number of days that the library was open for the two

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be proud of such a record. No one could possibly say again that Charleston is not a reading public. All the public needs is the opportunity fill the shelves with the needed literature and worth the result.

The number of workers who have asked for material that the library was unable to supply has not been included in the above daily average.

The Library now has 2,377 borrowers almost as many borrowers as it has books.

Much has been added to the appearance of the library room

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months forty two. The daily average circulation was seventy.

Reference

Heretofore no accurate account has been kept of the number of people who come to the library for extensive reference work. In order to give an idea of the need of a good reference working library it was thought wise to make this account. Beginning with September the daily average has been ten. Ten people every day seeking the library ~~every day~~ for serious study. Surely any library of twice this size could easily

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by the decoration of the walls. the soft tones giving a most pleasing effect.

This opportunity is taken to thank the city for its help and it is hoped that not only may it continue to give it but that the allowance may be increased materially.

After three weeks of rest, the part of which was taken ~~during~~ while the library was closed for improvements, the Librarian is returned to her work ready to take up the heavier work of the Fall and winter with enthusiasm and in this work* asks the cooperation of every member of the Board.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to use the library at all times

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The hours are the same so they have always been viz
morning: ten to twelve
afternoon: two to five
evening: seven thirty to nine.
If there is still someone who does not know where or what the public library is ask until you find out.

Respectfully submitted
Mabel Delle Jones.
Librarian

At a meeting of the Board

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October 25, 1911.

The Library Board of Trustees,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the month of September, 1519 books were out in circulation, 12% of these were books of non-fiction. The library was open 26 days, and the daily average of books circulated was fifty-eight.

The number of people who visited the library in September for reference work alone was given in last month's report.

The Librarian is pleased to say that the amount of reference work done with the limited facilities is highly gratifying. Those who have always come continue to come, and each day brings some new recruit or many. The library posesses 3,466 volumes exclusive of magazines. There are 2,427 borrowers.

It is much to be regretted that the library lacks a fund for the monthly purchase of new books. When will Charleston realize that all the cities of the state look to her for example? If the Capital City is dilatory in providing educational advantages for its classes should other cities show it the way? Let civic pride be stirred up. Let every interested citizen try to understand the library situation and the full value of a well

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equipped library. Especially let every member of this Board feel the burden enough to work for its promotion individually and collectively. Unless you acquaint yourselves with conditions relative to library work here and in progressive cities of other states, you are going to be unable to meet the arguments concerning the immediate need of a public library in this city. It is an immediate need; at least a city of more than 25,000 and the capital of the state should consider it so.

You will notice the daily average shows a decrease, this is attributed to but one thing; the lack of a fresh supply of books regularly. The number of visitors to the reference department and reading tables is far greater than ~~xx~~ last year, but the circulating department suffers from lack of material. This is told in order that you may know that an institution doing the service that this library does cannot stand still. It must have attention.

Space to record the many needs is lacking but let any one who cares to know stop in some day in the afternoon and listen to the requests for knowledge of all kinds.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Delle Jones

Librarian

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Oct 1911

The Library Board of Trustees
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The report for October is as follows: The total circulation of books was 1577 the library was open 26 days making a daily average of books issued for home reading fifty seven. 177 people came for reference work alone. The number of visitors to all departments including the reading table was 3,458 or an average of 133 every day the library was open during the month.

Gifts

Beginning this week the library will give for publication a complete list of books lately received including books of reference juvenile literature and late fiction.

One of the finest gifts that the library has ever received is a well selected lot of books sent us by Hon. Wm. E. Chilton. The list includes the Book Lovers edition of Shakespeare complete in forty volumes;

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Hugo complete in ten volumes; Robert Louis Stevenson complete in ten volumes; the writings of Thos. Jefferson in ten volumes and an Encyclopedia of the world's best literature in forty-six volumes. These books came direct from a New York book concern crisp and new. For these very books there has been great demand, especially for Shakespeare and Stevenson. To be able at last to meet the demand so satisfactorily is indeed a pleasure.

There are numerous other needs that it is to be hoped some good citizen may satisfy by a like consignment.

We are especially glad to welcome the new members of the Board to this meeting. Much work needs be done just now that requires time and serious thot.

The library is an established institution, and one that merits the best endeavor that any and all of this Board can give. Conscientious work will never be more effectual than now. Yrs. M. J. L.

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Respectfully submitted
Mabel Delle Jones
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The Lincoln Free Library
Lincoln, Illinois:

Public libraries must be an expressive sign of a community's desire to live a full, rounded life. But we have turned a very broad motto, of course, a few words to substantiate the advice of a judicial friend to a law class. "It's no use trying to work in and work this out sometimes." The years of November and December have come and gone but that. The requests for information that come to the librarian are many and varied: All that can be found about Africa; Ancient and modern; Fields for debates, subjects for short talks; which is the best purchase for a collection of eight sets of books including the works of Bret Harte and Robert Louis Stevenson; Who is the author of the Little Colonel series and one young lady requested a book called "Two Halves and Two Wholes" it was discovered that the book she really wanted was Mary Cornelia's "To have and to hold." The public library is a

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The report for December is as follows
Adult non-fiction, such as histories, travels
eligion, sociology etc 134
Adult fiction 956
Juvenile non-fiction 86
Juvenile fiction 429
Total book circulation for the month 1575
Library was open 25 days
Daily average circulation for the month was 63

Within the past few weeks three hundred
ooks have been accessioned classified and
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nd thought.

Primarily the library was founded as an educational agency. This is its raison d'être still, and the more so because that it will continue indefinitely. But it should be made clear in passing that it has broadened the definition of the word education far beyond the confines of the school or recitation or lecture room.

The public library has become, if we will pardon the term, the clearing house from which practical help as well as cultural inspiration may be drawn. The power or energy in these "batteries" is not stored in a day, nor is it drawn upon daily or weekly or even monthly, for any considerable part of it. But the storage goes steadily on, so that when the demand is made the library responds with more or less promptness and to adequate spending entirely upon governing conditions.

Steam is not generated instantaneously or without the expenditure of heat. Electricity is not harnessed for man's use without cost. Like economy in the fuel room is instantly apparent in the steam chest or the dynamo

Carrying the analogy to the present question, it is plain that the community which deals niggardly with its library can expect at best but a like service in return. If the support given be broad and liberal its supporters have the right to expect and to demand of its library an enlightened administration, one of adequate responses when the call comes.

But mark you it must be borne in mind that there is another side to the question, one which should be of as much importance and of as keen interest to the citizen as to those in charge of the library and that is, briefly as it may be, but, that the public library should be placed in position by its owners to meet any legitimate demands upon it. Not until this has been done to the very last detail of management, equipment and housing is it a subject for criticism from those who should be its friends, defenders and users.

For this public library in our home city may I not make the personal plea for a kind and helpful interest in its affairs.

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hensive interest in your public affairs?
In calling it you merely call for your choice
to it, now. It is yours, and I know you
will pardon the enthusiast in a work
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of this library that it is as fully en-
titled to an immediate movement for
its betterment as any ~~building~~ unfurnished grounds, now before
the City Council.

Respectfully submitted

Mabel Dell Jones
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To The Library Board of Trustees
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In spite of the increased demands made upon the limited resources of this library we are doing a remarkable work. The report for February, 1912 is as follows:

Adult non fiction	63
" fiction	1083
Juvenile non fiction	110
Juvenile fiction	547

Total ~~circulation for the month~~ number of books taken for home reading is 1903 giving a daily average of 76. The library was open to the public 25 days. All of the best of the late fiction has been added to the rent collection.

The library ~~will be~~ is glad to receive any books for [illegible]

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Please return the last paragraph, underlined in red, to the copy of this article. Mrs. J.

The work of a public librarian is not that of a novice. She must be sympathetic with an inquiring public who sometimes has only a faint idea of what it wants. Above all she must be intelligent; she must be not a keeper but a dispenser of knowledge for many are the questions that come to her, from the least significant such as: what book comes after as the children say, to the grown up student who wants to know who were the minor prophets or what is the most famous story told of Edward the Confessor.

If anyone would know whether or not the library is being used let him come and look at the worn books on the library shelves let him watch the reading tables and let him inquire into hundreds of homes for we have now nearly three thousand (3,000) borrowers; and if it were given to the members of this Board and to the people of this city who should be responsible for the upkeep of this institution

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which makes so much for the uplift of its citizens, I say if it were given them to hear the expressions of appreciation that may be heard any day at the Librarian's desk Charleston people would not be satisfied to let this little excuse of a public library strive to meet the needs of an intelligent public. This is not a work for dreamers everybody must work and work hard!

Just the other day the Librarian kept in mind, in order to tell them to you a few of the expressions that were voiced that day: Sometime in the first year of the library's existence a little boy joined the library and, up to the time of his moving away last Fall he was a constant patron. His parents moved to a small mining town; ~~during~~ the winter the boy has come back once a month or intends to visit his Grand-Mother, and always he comes to the library to look over the magazines and to see what books have been added to the list for boys. Thursday he was in and as the time came for him to go he said "Morris I am glad

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ou come to see us when you come to town hope
ou will always do that". With a wistful
ook on his face he said: "I wish I lived here
e haven't any library where we live, now
nd I don't get much to read". Let's make
ore people wish they lived in Charleston.
In the afternoon of the same day a
other and son came to the library they
re new comers here and of the class we are
ad to welcome. Said the mother: "I am so
ad to find Charleston has a public library
henever we are so unfortunate as to be trans-
rred to a town too small to support a
ublic library it is a great disappointme
Many a stranger recently moved to Charlest
as said: "I don't know what I should have
one those first months here had it not
en for this library". Don't you see how
e can keep our new comers satisfied
ntil they get to know Charleston and
s charming people? Surely we are not
lind to the value of favorable impressions
we succeed in bringing to our city desirable
tizens let us keep them here by offering
hem the one thing they have a right to expect — a

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During the past two weeks we have
veraged not less than three calls each
ay for the books "Little Men" and
ttle Women". Let us do something to
upply this demand. Put clean and
holesome ideas into the minds of
hildren and young people thru books
hey read for pleasure and those
deas will stick. We will not have children
~~running away~~ leaving home because so
hey imagine, they are mistreated so
ch was a case recently reported: The
irl scarcely sixteen, reading what pleased
er imagination, living in a comfortable
ome in a small town, was for some
eason severely scolded by her father.
he knew nothing else other than to run away
he came to Charleston and knew so little
ow to care for herself that she lodged
here she could. She was rescued by one
our charitable organizations. Had this
irl's pleasure reading been wholesome
he idea of running away would

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ood public library; a public library is
o luxury; in a civilized country like ours
is considered as much a necessity as
ly public schools.
o one little girl who had read "Five little
ipers, and how they grew" I said "Lois, that
a splendid book for little girls to read
" replied "Mama says she is glad I can
t books from the library to read because
keeps me off the streets".
he poorest child with hands and face black
th dirt from the street is going to read
mething. You have seen him anywhere
ou look he is reading some kind of a book
wholesome than good for the child,
vile bad indeed because children
re certain to imitate the children they
ead about. Now, to anyone who reads
his let me say that the poorest and
irtiest children as well as those of
ll other classes do use the library;
me we have to have them wash their
ands and faces often but they come from
e same and we are glad to ~~see~~ have them.

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obably never have come to her and she would
ave been spared this sorrow and shame.
Let us see to it that we give our youths
d maidens clean ideas. Support your
ublic library. It is free. The children
now this and come every day asking
r more to read. Save them from
he need of charity.

Respectfully submitted
Mabel Delle Jones
Librarian

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April 23. '12.

The Library Board of Trustees

Ladies and Gentlemen: To explain that which you may already know. All knowledge is divided into nine classes, viz.: 1 Philosophy, 2 Religion, 3 Sociology, 4 Philology, 5 Natural Science, 6 Useful Arts, 7 Fine Arts, 8 Literature, and 9 History. When the report reads Adult Class 177 books it means that during the month that many books selected from the above named classes have been taken home to read by those who use the library. Altho fiction is classed under literature it is given a separate rating. Perhaps the clearest classification of all knowledge is that given by a child. One day last week this child, a boy, came to my desk and asked if he could have more than one at a time. Instead of replying directly I asked if had ever used any other library. He told me that in Cincinnati where he came from they were allowed two books one a "book of truth" and one a "story" book. As our rules are quite the same he immediately felt at home. He told me the Librarian there had told him he could get a new card from the Charleston library. I must suppose Charleston had a library. Fortunately the boy was not disappointed.

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The report of the circulation of books for the month of ~~April~~ March, '12 is as follows

Adult Class	177
" fiction	1086
Juvenile Class	120
" " fiction	511
Total circulation	1894
Library was open	26 days
Average daily circulation	72+

Because of the lack of funds the city fails to reap the benefit of a real public library. This article that I am about to read from the May number of Everybody's magazine will give some idea of the vastness of this field of opportunity; so that the eyes of our fair city seem not yet to have opened wide enough to see even the entrance to it

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To The Library Board of The

Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The report of the circulation of books for the month of January, 1913, is as follows:

Philosophy	12	volumes,
Religion	10	"
Sociology and Folk lore	53	"
Language	6	"
Natural Science	13	"
Useful Arts	4	"
Fine Arts	8	"
Literature	69	"
History	27	"
Travel	14	"
Biography	25	"
Fiction	1906	"
Total Circulation	2147	"

Library was open 25 days, circulation averaged daily 86 volumes. You understand, an average of 86 books were taken out every day for home reading, this does not include at all, the countless number who come for magazine material to be used in school debates and club papers, nor does it include the number of workmen in every class of trade, who come to the capital city library for information upon their line of work, hoping to find that knowledge which will help them better to understand their trade. Instance upon instance could be cited enough to make you, out of pride, determine to

To the Library Board of the

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The report of the circulation of books for the month of January, 1913, is as follows:

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build in Charleston such a library that every one could point to with admiration; but this is a report of work done rather that what more might have been done.

We have enrolled 3,431 members. The library has very many good friends, never a week goes by without a gift of books in numbers small or large.

In addition to the magazines subscribed for by the library, we have given us regularly, The Literary Digest by F. M. Staunton, Cosmopolitan and Architectural Record by Mrs. T. H. Faris, "Life" by W. H. Hoy, Munsey's by M. J. Carmack, Woman's Home Companion by Myrtle Stalnaker, Delineator by Mrs. Rooke, and the three local dailies are also donated.

Besides, many people often have asked "When are we going to build a library?" It is evdient that any number of persons are ready to help buy the lot when the time comes and that time should be now.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Delle Jones

Librarian.

Report for October 1914

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for October 1914:

The Library was open 26 days. Books distributed were: Juvenile fiction, 754; non-fiction 145: Adult fiction 1382, non-fiction 269; a total of 2550, and an average of 98 books a day.

Since the meeting of the Board October 8th, 398 books have been added to the shelves. 220 are books from the bindery, 23 of which are bound volumes of magazines; 136 are purchased and 42 gifts. Mrs. H. C. Lounsbery gave "The real America in romance" in 13 volumes, edited by Markham, and Mrs. E. A. Barnes and Mrs. Alex Smith gave 22 books. Miscellaneous books were received from Hon. G. W. Atkinson, Burton Morley, George Payne Jr., E. M. Sykes.

126 feet of shelving space has been installed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) J. M. Schlichter

Librarian

Report for March 1915

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 27 days in March 1915. Books circulated were: Juveniles, 976, adults, 1759; total 2735, and an average Of 101 books a day.

Changing the day of the meeting of the Board to the first Monday of the month brings us very near the meeting of March 24th consequently there is but one item of book-news to report, but a very important one; a gift of 25 books was received March 27 from Mrs. F.M.Staunton. They were mostly for children and doubly acceptable.

I take this opportunity to tell the Board of the valuable assistance given the Library in the matter of mending books, by Mrs.R.L.Fielder and Miss Ruth Butler. That we are able to keep many books in circulation, popular hard-used books, is in a great measure due to their interest and skillful aid.

A stereoptican has been given to the Library for the Children's department; but at present pictures are lacking. Doubtless there are many homes where there are interesting pictures stored away, whose owners, almost unaware of the existance of the pictures, would gladly donate to the Library if the matter were laid before them.

Patrons appreciate the additional hours the Library is open, many visitors coming in from 5 to 6 p.m.; but from 6 to 7;30 the attendance averaged only 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Ione B. von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Report for June 1915

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of June 1915; The Library was open 26 days. Children borrowed 858 books, adults 1509; a total of 2367, an average of 91 a day

Of the juvenile non-fiction books distributed fairy tales and folk-lore took the lead, and of the adult non-fiction the literature class lead, with books on sociology second.

Visitors to the Library in June numbered 2775.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Kuhn, in carrying out the wishes of the late Mrs. Anna Ryan, have presented the Library with about 500 books, including Gibbon's Rome, Hume's History of England, Spiers and Surennes French Dictionary a number of the poets, and some books on West Virginia, valuable for our West Virginia shelf.

Other books received were; 9 books from Mrs. D.C.Boyce, 3 from Miss Sue Staunton, and one from B.F.Fisher of Canton, Ohio

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlechtweg

Librarian

Report for July 1915

To the Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library;
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of July, 1915.

The Library was open 26 days in July. It was closed all day July 5th. Books distributed were; Juvenile non-fiction, 127; Juvenile fiction, 806; Adult non-fiction, 166; adult fiction, 1169. A total of 2268 books; an average of 87 books a day.

Visitors to the Library numbered 2930.

The Library was fortunate in gifts; the class of 1915 of the Charleston High School gave the "Charlestonion" a publication enjoyed by both young and old readers.

Moore's book store presented 13 numbers of the "Mentor" magazine. Mrs. George Lounsbery gave six books. Mrs.Schwabe gave six books and some pamphlets. Miscellaneous books were received from Misses Briggs, and Dickinson.

Sixty books were added to the shelves by purchase. The Anti-tuberculosis League gave pamphlets which the Library staff gladly distributes, placing one in each out-going book.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. B. von Schlichtendal,
Librarian

Report for November 1915

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 25 days in November 1915, being closed Thanksgiving day, the 25th. Books distributed were: Juvenile fiction 977, non-fiction, 238: Adult fiction 1403, non-fiction 314: a total of 2932, an average of 107 books a day.

Since the meeting of the Board in November, 66 books have been added to the Library by purchase and 19 by gift. The "Woman citizen's library" of 12 volumes, and "American School of home economics", 12 volumes, are important additions to the shelves.

The following gifts have been received: Periodicals from Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Nina Henry Brown; miscellaneous books from Rev. Mr. J. Allen, Mrs. W. B. Brooks and Mrs. Hamilton James; St. Nicholas magazine (17 volumes) from Mrs. C. V. Gentry.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. M. Schlichter

Librarian.

Report for December 1915

The Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of December 1915:

The Library was open 26 days, being closed all day Christmas Day.

Books distributed were: Juvenile, 1183; Adult, 1447; a total of 2630, and an average of 101 a day.

The number of visitors to the Library totaled 3598, an average of 138 a day.

Since the meeting of the Board December 6, 62 books have been added to the shelves, 48 by purchase. The most important additions are: The New International Encyclopedia, 2nd edition, through M, other volumes to follow as they are published; "Painters and sculptors" and "Old masters and new" by Kenyon Cox; dramas by Galsworthy, Yeats, Strindberg, Bjornson, Ibsen, and Fitch, and some of Masefield's poems.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Van Schlichtendal

Librarian.

Report for January 1916

The Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of January 1916:

The Library was open 25 days in January, being closed all day New Year's Day.

Books distributed were: Juvenile non-fiction, 228; Juvenile fiction, 873; Adult non-fiction, 308; adult fiction, 1580; a total of 1888, and an average of 119 books a day.

Of the children's class books fairy tales and books on natural science took the lead, while books in the "Literature" class predominated in the adult non-fiction books; this class includes poems, essays, dramas, etc.

There were 3549 visitors to the Library in January.

Books were given this month by Hon. G.W.Atkinson, Mrs.E.A. Barnes, Mr.B.E.Briscoe Rudolph Higginbotham, and george Kennen. Mr William Keely presented a dictionary rack.

Since the last Board Metting, January 3rd, 409 books have been catalogued and added to the shelves. Of these, 110 were purchased, 24 gifts, and 276 rebound books and magazines.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. von Schlechtendal

Librarian

Report for January 1941.

The Board of Trustees of the Charlestown Public Library.
Gentlemen and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of January 1941:

The Library was open 25 days in January, being closed all day New Year's Day.

Circulation was: Juvenile non-fiction, 44; Juvenile fiction 872; Adult non-fiction 30; adult fiction 1160; a total of 1506, and an average of 119 books a day.

Of the children's class books fairy tales and books on natural science took the lead, while books in the Literature class predominated in the adult non-fiction books; books class Biography were second.

There were 3549 visitors to the Library in January.

Mr. [illegible] Arnold Mangnbottom, and George Hansen. Mr. William Healy presented a dictionary rack.

Since the last Board Meeting, January 3rd, 46 books have been catalogued and added to the shelves 97 times, 113 were purchases, 24 gifts, and 270 rebound books and magazines.

Respectfully submitted.

Report for February 1916

The Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 24 days in February, 1916, being closed All day February 22nd.

Books distributed were: Juvenile non-fiction, 261, of which 94 were fairy tales, 34 science, 24 useful arts, 27 biographies, and 18 bound volumes of the St. Nicholas; juvenile fiction, 891; adult non-fiction, 336; adult fiction, 1611; a total of 3099; an average of 129 books a day.

Visitors to the Library numbered 3994.

Since the last meeting of the Bord, February 7th, 59 books have been added to the shelves. Nine were purchased and 50 gifts. Two more volumes of the New International Encyclopedia have been received. The following gifts have been received: 30 books from Mrs. F.M.Staunton, 20 books from Mr.E.B.Needham; miscellaneous books from Miss Abney, Mrs. E.A.Barnes, Mrs. W.B. Brooks Mrs. George Lounsbery, Mr.Robert Brudlore, and Miss Irma Slike. Some of these gifts were back numbers of magazines advertised for by the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred B. von Schlechtendal

Librarian.

Report for March 1916

To the Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I submit the following report for the month of March 1916:

The Library was open twenty-seven days, the hours continuing the same; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Books distributed were: Juvenile non-fiction 325; Juvenile fiction, 926; Adult non-fiction, 407; adult fiction, 1639; a total of 3297, and an average of 122 books a day.

Of the juvenile classed books, 107 were fairy tales and 48 science. The literatune class lead in the adult books, with travel second, biography third and sociology fourth in number.

Since the last Board meeting 73 books have been added to the Library: 64 by purchase, 7 were given and two volumes of bound magazines. Books have been given by Mary Lovell Eskew, and Mrs. H. M. Morton of St. Louis.

Mrs. J. F. Daniels presented a beautiful growing plant, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burrows ot the South Side gave their first spring flowers.

A new cooler has been installed, and a new section added to the catalogue cabinet.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. M. Schlechtendal

Librarian.

To the Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I submit the following report for the month of March 1920.

The Library was open twenty-seven days, the hours continuing the same; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

During the previous month, [illegible] (fiction, [illegible]) a total of 7297, and an average of 112 books a day.

Of the [illegible] classed books, 107 were fiction and 6[illegible] science; the literature class led in the adult books, with travel second, biography third and sociology fourth in number.

Since the last monthly report [illegible] the Library, [illegible] special meetings. Books have been given by Mary Lowell Pelham, and Mr. [illegible] of it, Lewis.

The S.C.F. Dunbars presented a beautiful growing plant, and Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. A.A. Burrows of the South Side gave their [illegible] spring flowers.

A new cooler has been installed, and a new section added to the catalogue cabinet.

Respectfully submitted

Librarian.

Report for April 1916

The Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The report for April 1916 is as follows:
The Library was open 25 days, the hours remaining the same; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Books distributed to children were: 276 classed books; 857 books of fiction; to adults: 333 classed books; 1460 books of fiction; a total of 2926, an average of 117 a day.

Since the meeting of the Library Board on April 3rd, 67 books have been added to the Library. Twenty-five were purchased, of which 8 were government documents of various subjects. The Cambridge Hisory of English Literature is an important addition. Twelve volumes have been received, and two more are in preparation and will be added as published.

Forty-four books were biven. Mrs. George Lounsbery gave 16, Mrs. Lynn Richardson 8 and several years file of the North American Review, Mrs. Alex Smith gave 11 books, and miscellaneous books were received from Miss Eleanor Brooks, Laura Davidson, Mr. Joseph Fry, and Dr. Charles O'Grady.

Cut flowers were received from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burrouws.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Report for May and June 1916

The Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in May, being closed all day the 30th, Decoration Day.

Childrens' books distributed were 1051; adult books 1670; an average of 104 books a day; total, 2721.

Visitors numbered 4044.

In June the Library was open 26 days.

Children's books distributed this month numbered 1144; adults' 1592; a total of 2736, and an average of 105 books a day.

Visitors numbered 3834.

Since the meeting of the Board in May, 413 books have been received from the binder; 105 books have been purchased and 106 books given to the Library.

Important additonns are "Readers Guide to Periodical Literature" vol. 3 for the years 1910-1915; "New International Year Book" for 1915; "Masters in Art", 3 vols.;and "Womans' Who's Who in America".

The Library has been rich in gifts, having received 43 books from Dr.and Mrs.Lounsbery, 116 from Cap't.J.R.Seal, which collection contained Justin Winsor's "Narrative and critical history of America", in 8 volumes, a history recommended by the Library Association as one of the most important first purchases for an American Library. Miscellaneous books have been received from Mrs.T.O.M.Davis, Mr.Clyde B.Johnson, Mr.J.L.Fry, and Miss D.Ward.

Beautiful cut flowers have been received from Miss louise Henneman and Mr.J.A.Burrows.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Charleston Public Library,
Gentlemen:

The Library was open 25 days in May, being closed all day the Decoration Day.

Children' books distributed were 1091; average of 1[illegible] books a day; total, [illegible].

Visitors numbered 4044.

In June the Library was open 26 days.

Children's books distributed this month numbered 1144; adults' [illegible]22; a total of 2[illegible], and an average of 1[illegible] books a day.

Visitors numbered 3[illegible]4.

At the meeting of the Board in May, 413 books have been [illegible] from the binder, 105 books have been [illegible] given to the Library.

Important additions are "Readers Guide to Periodical Literature" [illegible]. 3 for the years 1910-1915; "New International Year Book" [illegible] 1915; "Masters in Art", 3 vols.; and "Womans' Who's Who in America".

The Library has been rich in gifts, having received 43 books from [illegible], 110 [illegible] "U.S.A.[illegible]", [illegible] collection combined Justin Winsor's "Narrative and critical history of America", in 8 volumes, a history recommended by the Library Association as one of the most important first particulars for an American Library. Miscellaneous books have been received from Mrs. J. O. M. Davis, Mr. Clyde F. Johnson, Mr. J. L. [illegible], and Miss D. Ward.

Beautiful cut flowers have been received from Miss Louise [illegible] and Mr. J. A. Burrows.

Report for July 1916

The Board of Trustees of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 25 days in July 1916, being closed all day July 4th. Children borrowed; classed books, 176; fiction 802; Adult classed books loaned, 167; fiction 1468: a total of 2613; an average of 194 a day.

Visitors to the Library in July numbered 3293.

Since the last meeting of the Board, July 3rd, 412 books have been added to the shelves. Three hundred and thirty-two were rebound books, 52 purchased, and 28 given.

The "Charlestonian", a handsome publication of the senior class of the Charleston High School, was given to the Library by the Editorial Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. von Schlichtenden

Librarian.

Report for September and

August 1916

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to submit the reports for August and September 1916.

In August the Library was open 27 days. Children borrowed 943 books, adults, 1760; a total of 2703; and an average of 100 books a day.

The Library was open 25 days in September, being closed all day Labor Day. Books loaned to children amounted to 721; to adults, 1727; a total of 2448; an average of 99 books a day.

Since the meeting of the Board in August, 102 books have been added to the Library; 79 were purchased and 24 given. Books were given by Mrs. G.S.Plumley, Mrs.W.C.Davidson, and Feree Bedell Jr.

Seventy books have been mended. Two book stacks capable of holding about 1300 books have been installed.

Durable binders for thechildren's magazines have been added.

The West Virginia Gazeteer, valuable for reference, has been received.

The Library hours continue the same from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. M. Echelberger

Librarian

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Books loaned to children according to Dewey: 4. Philosophy, 1; 6. Religion, 1; 7. Sociology, 1; 8. Philology, 1; 9. History, 1; 10. Biography, 1; 11. Geography, 1; 12. Science, 1; 13. Useful Arts, 1; 14. Fine Arts, 1; 15. Literature, 1; 16. Poetry, 1; 17. Fiction, 1; 18. Juvenile, 1; 19. Miscellaneous, 1; 20. Periodicals, 1; 21. Government Documents, 1; 22. Pamphlets, 1; 23. Manuscripts, 1; 24. Maps, 1; 25. Pictures, 1; 26. Statistics, 1; 27. Miscellaneous, 1.

Twenty books have been mended. The book worm has nibbled about 1500 books have been punched.

Suitable binders for magazines have been ordered.

The Wall Street Journal, Atlantic, Harper's, Scientific American.

The Library hours continue the same from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Report for October 1916

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure to submit the following report of the work of the Library for the month of October 1916;

The Library was open 26 days. Books loaned to children amounted to 956, to adults 1887; a total of 2843, an average of 109 books a day.

Visitors to the Library numbered 3726.

Since the last meeting of the Board, 204 books have been added to the shelves, 139 purchased and 65 given. Books were given by Mesdames Appleton, Barnes, Knight and Ward, and Messrs. Henry Sydnor Harrison and Herbert Moore. The gifts included Appleton's America Encyclopedia, 17 Volumes, Encyclopedia Brirannica, 30 volumes, and "Luther Burbank, his methods and discoveries", 3 volumes.

"The New Nature Library", published by Doubleday, Page and Co., is a valuable addition to the reference department.

The "Mentor", Review of Reviews", and "System" are the new magazines added.

Thirty-six books have been mended.

Cut flowers were given by Mrs. R. L. Eielder and Mrs. Allen.

The hours of the Library remain the same; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7.p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. M. Schlechtweg

Librarian.

Report for October 1916

The Board of Directors of the Chuckasaw Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure to submit the following report of the work of the Library for the month of October 1916:

The Library was open 26 days. Books loaned to children amounted to 996, to adults [illegible] an average of 109 books a day.

Visitors to the Library numbered 2916.

Since the last meeting of the board, 204 books have been added to the shelves. 139 purchased and 65 given. Books were given by [illegible], Dawson, Bulard and Ward, and Messrs. Gaynor Harrison and Herbert Moore. The gifts included Appleton's American Encyclopedia, 17 Volumes, Encyclopedia Britannica, 30 volumes, and "Larker Bartlett, his voyages and discoveries", 3 volumes.

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Cut flowers were given by Mrs. B. L. Bielder and Mrs. Allen.

The hours of the library remain the same: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for December 1916

The board of Directors of the Chrrleston Public Library
Ladies and gentlemen:

I beg to submit the report of the work of the Library for the month of December, 1916.

The Library was open twenty-five days, being closed all day Christmas day. Books loaned to children numbered 1148, to adults 1686, a total of 2834, an average of 113 books a day.

In the Children's department, fairy-tales and books of travel were the most popular of the non-fiction books, and the Literature class took the lead in the Adult department.

Since the meeting of the Board in December, 111 books have been added to the Library; 50 were purchased and 61 were gifts; of the latter 14 were sent to Lincoln Branch together with a set ot Thackeray. Of those purchased, the majority were books often asked for by the students of the City who need them for their supplementary reading at school.

Miss Pauline Staehlin presented the library with 50 boys' and girls' books. Miscellaneous books were received from Mrs. R.L. Fielder, Mr. Harris, and Mr. J.M.Payne.

Fifty books were mended.

The visitors to the Library numbered 3847.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for January 1917

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of January 1917:

The Library was open 26 days, being closed all day New Year's day.

Books loaned to adults numbered	2318
Books loaned to children	1237
A total of	3555

An average of 136 books a day.

Fairy tales, books or travel amd biographies were the most popular of the non-fiction books for children; and in the adult department literature and biography took the lead.

4014 visitors came to the Library in January.

Since the meeting of the Board on January 2nd 1917, 85 books have been added, 69 of which were purchased, 14 were gifts and 2 were bound volumes of magazines.

Important books received were "The Cambridge History of English Literature", and the 15th vol. pf "The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography". Seven books on the Bible were given the Library from the Bross Foundation Fund of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., with the understanding that they be placed among the freely circulation volumes of the Library. Hon. Wm. A. MacCorkle and Dr. Chas. O'Grady kindly gave the Library books this month.

The hours of the Library remain the same: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb. 6, 1917 (Mrs.) B. M. Schlechtendal

Librarian.

Report for January 1917

To the Board of Directors of the Carlisle Public Library,
Carlisle, New Hampshire:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of January 1917:

The Library was open 26 days, being closed all day New Year's Day.

Books loaned to adults numbered 4718
Books loaned to children 1177
A total of 5895
An average of 230 books a day.

Fairy tales, books of travel and biographies were the most popular of the non-fiction books for old and young; and in the adult department literature and biography took the lead.

Only magazines were bound in the library in January.

At the meeting of the Board on January 2nd 1917, 85 books were added, 69 of which were purchased, 14 were gifts and 2 were bound volumes of magazines.

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The hours of the Library remain the same: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb. 6, 1917

Librarian.

Report for February 1917

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit to you the report for February 1917;

The Library was open 23 days, being closed all day the 22nd, Washington's birthday.

Children borrowed 1063 books and adults 2005; making a total of 3068; an average of 133 books a day.

Since the last meeting of the Board, on Feb. 5th, 54 books have been added; 22 were purchased and 32 were gifts. Vol. 5 of the Cambridge Modern History has been received. We have not been able to supply the demand for books on gardening.

A file of Review of Reviews, covering several years, was given by Mr. T. H. McRa. Others who generously remembered the Library this month were: Mrs. W. B. Brooks, Miss Virginia Laidley, Mr. E. B. Needham, and Mrs. W. D. Sell. During his absence from the city Mr. A. M. Scott has had "Current Opinion" sent to the Library.

The "Craftsman Magazine" has been merged with "The Art World", and we are now receiving the latter, a very beautiful publication and one much needed.

The Children's department is much improved by the addition of a new table and six chairs.

Three boxes of books have been sent to the bindery, containing 333 books and 31 volumes of magazines. One hundred books have been mended.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlotterbeck

Librarian.

Report for February 1917

To the Board of Directors of the Charlestown Public Library,
Gentlemen and Trustees:

I have the honor to submit to you the report for February 1917:

The Library was open 23 days, being closed all day the 22nd, Washington's birthday.

Children borrowed 1093 books and adults 2009; making a total of 3002; an average of 133 books a day.

Since the last meeting of the Board, on Feb. 5th, 34 books have been added; 22 were purchased and 12 were gifts. Vol. 3 of the Cambridge Modern History has been received. We have not been able to supply the demand for books on Germany.

A file of Review of Reviews, covering several years, was given by Mr. [illegible]. Among the number received are the following three names from the city: Mrs. W. B. Brooke, Miss Virginia Lardley, Mr. E. [illegible] Meadman, and Mrs. W. D. Bell. During the absence from the city of A. M. Scott has had "Current Opinion" sent to the Library.

The "Craftsman Magazine" has been merged with "The Art World", and we are now receiving the latter, a very beautiful publication and one much needed.

The Children's department is much improved by the addition of a new table and six chairs.

Three boxes of books have been sent to the bindery, containing 332 books and 31 volumes of magazines. One hundred books have been mended.

Respectfully submitted,

Report for March and April, 1917

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the reports of the work of the Library for the months of March and April, 1917:

The Library was open 27 days in March.

Children borrowed 1127 books, adults 2234; a total of 3361: an average of 124 books a day. Fairy tales, books of travel and biographies were the most popular with the children this month, and books in the Literature and History classes were in the lead in the adult department.

205 books were added; 108 purchased and 97 gifts. Of the more important ones received are: Nelson's Loose-Leaf Encyclopaedia, 12 volumes, American Electricians' Hand-Book, "Outlines of Industrial Chemistry", "Text-book of Mineralogy", Francis Parkman's writings, 13 vols., five books on Child-study, seven books on gardening, six of which were given by Mrs. Lounsbery.

Mr. and Mrs. deGruyter gave a most valuable collection of books, among which are: "Confederate Military History with Biographies", 12 vols., 12 books on hunting and fishing, 35 bound volumes of magazines, including "Field and Stream", "Outing", "Puck", "Recreation" and "Truth", and 41 miscellaneous volumes.

Mr. Wm. Hoy gave the "Theater" magazine, covering two and a half years, which has supplied material for some of the Club programs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Burrows of the South Side gave beautiful spring flowers.

In April children borrowed 1055 books and adults 1729.

The Library was especially fortunate this month in gifts. Mrs. C. W. Swisher sent a splendid collection of boys' and girs' books which were most acceptable. Mrs. C. C. Rand also sent many good books, including the works of Josephus(one volume family edition) Edwin Emerson's "History of the 19th Century", 3 vols., books of poems, short stories, etc.

Thirty-eight volumes have been purchased this month, 146 rebound books have been put on the shelves, including bound magazines for reference work.

The hours remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Report for March and April, 1917

Board of Directors of the Cheltenham Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the report of the work of the Library for the months of March and April, 1917:

The Library was open 27 days in March.

Children borrowed 1127 books, adults 3474; a total of 4601, an average of 174 books a day. Thirty talks, books of travel and biography were the most popular with the children this month, and books in the Literature and Military classes were in the lead in the adult department.

403 books were added; 108 purchased and 27 gifts. The more important ones received are: Nelson's Loose-leaf Encyclopedia, 12 volumes, American Electricians' Handbook, "Outlines of Irish History", "Technical Writing", Thomas Dixon's Writings, 13 vols., five books on Child-study, seven books on gardening, six of which were given by Mrs. Longacre.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrytser gave a most valuable collection of books, among which are: "Confederate Military History with Biographies", 12 vols., 12 books on hunting and fishing, 35 bound volumes of magazines, including "Field and Stream", "Outing", "Munsey", "Recreation" and "Truth", and 41 miscellaneous volumes.

Mr. Wm. Hoy gave the "Theater" magazine, covering two and a half years, which has supplied material for some of the Olio programs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Burlowe of the South side gave beauty in growing flowers.

In April children borrowed 1097 books and adults 3272.

The Library was especially fortunate this month in gifts. Mrs. G. W. Sylister sent a splendid collection of boys' and girls' books which were most acceptable. Mrs. C. C. Wood also sent many good books, including the works of Zangwill(one volume family edition), Emerson's "History of the 19th Century", 3 vols., books on [illegible], [illegible] etc.

Thirty-eight volumes have been unmounted this month, 146 rebound books have been put on the shelves, including bound magazines for reference work.

The hours remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m..

Report for May 1917

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the report of the Library for the month of May, 1917:

The Library was open 27 days.

Books loaned to children, 1295, to adults, 1786, a total of 3081, an average of 114 a day. Fairy tales and biographies were the most popular of the children's non-fiction books, and in the adult department, literature and history were the most read.

Three hundred and fourteen books have been added since the Board met in May; of these 240 were re-bound volumes, 49 were purchased and 25 were gifts.

Valuabel acquisitions are: Excellent editions of Tolstoi's and Turgenev's complete works; The Library of Modern Thought, 12 vols.,consisting of books on psychology, science and religion; a also a 4 vol. edition of "The Opera" edited by A.E.Bergh. This will be in the Reference Department and doubtless will prove helpful as it contains the romantic legends, stories and plots of famous operas and biographies of the composers. It is well used.

Additions to the Children's Department are: "The Junior Classics" 10 vols., which will be kept on the tables, and the children should derive a great deal of benefit and enjoyment from them. An excellent edition of "Arabian Nights", 8 vols., is also in this department.

Books were given this month by The Christian Temperence Union, Mrs.Sue Deane, B.H.Oxley, and Cyril Pickens, the latter giving a splendid lot of boys' books.

Mr.and Mrs.Burroughs gave beautiful cut flowers. Mr.Will Moore of S.Spencer Moore Co. gave an oak revolving book-stand, which holds at least 250 books.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of the Chatsworth Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the report of the Library for the month of May, 1917:

The Library was open 27 days.

Books loaned to children, 1293. to adults, 1766, a total of 3061, an average of 114 a day. Fairy tales and biographies were the most popular of the children's non-fiction books, and in the adult department, literature and history were the most read.

Three hundred and fourteen books have been added since the Board met in May; of these 240 were re-bound volumes, 46 were purchased and 27 were gifts.

Valuable additions are: Excellent editions of Tolstoi's and Turgenev's complete works; The Library of Modern Thought, 12 vols., containing of books on psychology, science and religion; also a 4 vol. edition of "The Opera" edited by A.E.Keith. This will be in the Reference Department and doubtless will prove helpful as it contains the romantic legends, stories and plots of famous operas and biographies of the composers. It is well used.

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Mr. and Mrs.Jerrymin gave Lincoln's and Franklin's Works. Mr. S.Spencer Moore Co. gave an oak revolving book-stand, and Miss Miles at least 250 books.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Report for June 1917

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the report of the work of the Library for the month of June 1917:

The Library was open 25 days ,beigh closed all day June 5th.

Books loaned to children numbered 1370, to adults 1547, a total of 2917, an average of 116 books a day.

Since the Board met in May, 477 books have been added; 240 were rebound books, 130 purchased and 107 gifts.

Among those purchased were a splendid collection of children's books, dramas, books on philosophy and sociology and late fiction.

Mr.Chas.Mohler presented the Library with a magnificent collection of books, including books of travel, the works of Thomas Jefferson, Appleton's Universal Encyclopaedia and Atlas, The International Library of Famous Literature, 20 vols., a set of Thackeray, Sienkiewicz, 40 other volumes of fiction, several bound volumes of magazines and files of the Century Magazine, Literary Digest, Scientific American, and World's Work, In many cases giving just the numbers needed to complete the Library files. Mrs.J.B.Floyd sent the Library this month a very interesting collection of histories and books of travel, some of which were published in the 18th century, and which of course will be kept in the Reference Department.

A new book-stack has been installes, necessitating the shifting of half the books of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Abbeldeel

Librarian.

To the Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the report of the work of the Library for the month of June 1917:

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Books loaned to children numbered 1270, to adults 1547, a total of 2817, an average of 116 books a day.

Since the Board met in May, 477 books have been added; 40 were rebound books, 130 purchased and 307 gifts.

Among those purchased were a valuable collection of children's books, dramas, books on philosophy and sociology and fine illustration.

Mr. Chas. Mohler presented the Library with a valuable collection of books, including books of travel, the works of Thomas Carlyle, Appleton's Universal Encyclopedia and Atlas, The International Library of famous literature, 40 vols., a set of Stevenson, Brownwise, 40 other volumes of fiction, several bound volumes of magazines and files of the Century Magazine, Literary Digest, Scientific American, and Dorothy Work. In many cases giving just the numbers needed to complete the Library files. Mrs. J. B. Pitman sent the Library this year a [illegible] of which were published in the last century, and which of course will be kept in the Reference Department.

A new book-stack has been installed, necessitating the shifting of half the books of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for July 1917

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the report of the work of the Library for the month of July 1917.

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Independence Day.

Children borrowed 1196 books, adults 1682, making a total of 2878, an average of 115 books a day.

Since the meeting of the Board in July, 37 books have been added to the shelves, 25 of which are volumes of the "Dictionary of National Biography", a valuable addition to the Reference Department.

The periodical "Information" has been combined with "The Business Digest", which we are now receiving regularly. "Current History" and "Sea Power" are new magazines added this summer.

Two new stereopticans with photographic views of the Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite Valley, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, and 100 others of the United States in general, have been received, and should prove of great pleasure and profit.

Books were received this month from: Miss Constance Brown, Mrs. M.Kaufman, and Mr E.B.Needham. Mrs. Woodman is giving the periodical "American Forestry".

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) G. M. Schlottedal

Librarian.

Report for July 1947

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Gentlemen and Ladies:

I have the honor to present the report of the work of the Library for the month of July 1947.

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Independence Day.

Circulation totaled 11,475 books, averaging a total of 459, an average of 117 books a day.

Since the meeting of the Board in June, 77 books have been added to the shelves, 24 of which are volumes of the "Dictionary of American Biography", a valuable addition to the Reference Department.

The periodicals "Commonwealth" and "Commentary" have been received with "The Christian Science Monitor" which we are receiving regularly. "Country Life" and "Sportsman" are now magazines which are "Current Reading".

Two new stereopticons with photographic views of the Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite Valley, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, and 120 others of the United States in general, have been purchased.

Books were received this month from Miss Clemmence Brown, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. M.G. Needham. Mrs. Woodman is giving the periodical "American Commerce".

Respectfully submitted,

Report for August 1917

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the report of the work of the Library for the month of August 1917.

The Library was open 27 days.

Children borrowed 1071 books, fairy tales and biographies taking the lead of the non-fiction books, and literature and history popular. Adults borrowed 1636, which with those of the Childrens' Department totaled 2707, an average of 100 a day.

Ninety-two books were mended.

Since the meeting of the Board in August, 164 books have been added to the shelves, 146 of which were gifts and 18 purchased. The gifts include: "The International Library of Famous Literature", 20 vols., the Works of Thomas Jefferson, 12 vols., 19 books of travel, all from Mr.Chas.Mohler. Others were from Mrs.Eunice Bonham, Mrs.H.S.Cohen, Miss Virginia Cork, David Hewes, and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson.

Of those purchased the more important were: "The Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics", 8 vols., and 3 volumes completing "The Dictionary of the Bible".

Forty-six volumes of magazines and 422 books have been sent to the binder.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B [illegible]

Librarian.

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Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for September 1917

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the report for the month of September 1917 .

The Library was open 24 days, being closed all day Sept. 3rd, Labor Day.

Children borrowed 872 books; fairy tales, and collective biography being the most popular of the non-fiction books. Adults borrowed 1556; a total of 2428, an average of 101 books a day.

Forty-six books have been mended.

Since the meeting of the Board of Sept. 4th, many good books have been received; 112 were purchased and 94 gifts. Of those purchased the Children's Department received the larger part, and such books as "The American Boys' Handy Book", "The Young Citizen", "How the People Rule", "Lessons on Manners", "How two Boys Made Their own Electrical Apparatus", "Children's Gardens", etc., should prove interesting and profitable.

Books were given this month by: Mrs.E.A.Barnes, Mrs.David Baer, Mrs.W.E.Chilton, Rev.J.B.Morton, Mr.E.B.Needham, Mr.B.H.Oxley, Mrs.F.H.Park, Mrs.John Thevenin, and the Men's Bible Class of the Lutheran Church.

The Christian Herald, a weekly publication, has been added to t the Reading Department.

A number of books and magazines have been received for the Soldiers' and Sailors' War Libraries, and the Charleston Public Library contributed copies, covering several months, of Collier' Weekly, Saturday Evening Post, Youth's Companion, and American Boy.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichter

Librarian.

Report for September 1917

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the report for the month of September 1917.

The Library was open 24 days, being closed all day Sept. 3, Labor Day.

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Books were given this month by: Mrs.E.A.Barnes, Mrs.David Best, Mrs.W.E.Dillion, Rev.J.H.Morton, Mr.E.S.Needham, Mr.H.P.Oxley, Mrs.F.H.Ferre, Mrs.John Trevenia, and the Men's Bible Class of the Lutheran Church.

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Report for October 1917

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the report for the month of October 1917.

The Library was open 27 days. Children borrowed 1245 books and adults 2040; a total of 3276, an average of 121 books a day.

Books repaired numbered 20.

Since the meeting of the Board October 1st, 248 books have been added to the Library; 166 purchased and 82 gifts. A splendid lot of children's books has been added recently including the Child's Book of Knowledge, 20 vols., and The Home Reference Work, 10 vols. Other important books received were; vol. 9 of the Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics, books of John Fiske, Literary History of Spanish America, and History of the Reformation (6 copies given by the Men's Bible Class of St. Paul's Lutheran Church).

Mrs.W.E.Chilton gave a splendid collection of books including some beautiful books of travel. Mrs.Homer Holley gave 29 boys' books, Mrs.B.H.Oxley sent the Library books, asdid also the State Library of Archives and History.

Books are still being received for the Soldiers' and Sailors' War Libraries. We are recieving the School Journal and Educator from Burton Morley, and "Kanawha Chief" from its juvenile editor Charles Richard Stanley.

The list of books recently added ot the Library was printed and copies are given with all out-going books. The Leader kindly printed the list in their issue of November 1st.

The Library now has stereographs of France, Italy, United States, Yosemite Valley, Panama Canal, and The Silk Industry.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlotter del

Librarian.

Report for October 1917

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the report for the month of October 1917.

The Library was open 27 days. Children borrowed 1249 books and adults 2040; a total of 3289, an average of 121 books a day.

Books repaired numbered 40.

Since the meeting of the Board October 1st, 246 books have been added to the Library; 100 purchased and 56 gifts. A splendid lot of children's books has been added recently including the Child's Book of Knowledge, 20 vols., and the Home Reference Work, 10 vols. Other important books received were: vol. 9 of the Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics, Bible of the Literary Treasury of Spanish America, and History of the Reformation (8 copies given by the Men's Bible Class of St. Paul's Lutheran Church).

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The Library now has stereographs of France, Italy, United States, Yosemite Valley, Panama Canal, and The Silk Industry.

Librarian.

Report for November 1917

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the report of the work of the Library for the month of November 1917.

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day the 29th, Thanksgiving Day. Books loaned to children numbered 1319; to adults, 1962; a total of 3281; an average of 131 books loaned each day.

Since the meeting of the Board 65 books have been added; 38 purchased and 27 gifts. The important additions this month enclude 14 volumes of modern history, used as supplementary reading in Dr. Ambler's University-Extension Course; and the National Encyclopaedia of Reference, 9 vols., given by Miss Caroline Ward. The latter is placed in the Children's department and with the Junior Classics, Book of Knowledge, and Home and School Reference Work, make a very creditable collection.

Books were given this month by Miss Abney, Harold Lynn, and Miss Caroline Ward.

Miss Sue Staunton has loaned a handsome rebber-tree which adds a great deal to the appearance of the Library.

Mrs. Lounsbery has given a beautiful plant for the desk.

The Lincoln Branch of the Charleston Public Library loaned 355 books in November; 323 to children and 32 to adults.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Wheatley

Librarian.

Report for November 1947

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the report of the work of the Library for the month of November 1947.

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day the 11th, Thanksgiving Day. Books loaned to children numbered 1,114; to adults, [illegible] a total of 2,831; an average of 111 books loaned each day.

Since the meeting of the Board 63 books have been added; [illegible] purchased and gifts. [illegible] Classes of modern history, been as supplementary reading in [illegible] Biography-Memoir [illegible] Science; and the National Geographic [illegible] reference, 9 vols., given by Miss Caroline Ward. [illegible] placed in the Children's department now with the Junior Library Service, Book of Knowledge, and Home and School Reference Work, [illegible] a very creditable collection.

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The circulation [illegible] books in November; 323 to children and 37 to adults.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for December 1917

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the work of the Library for December 1917 to report to you today.

The Library was open 25 days and was closed all day Christmas Day. To children were loaned 1139 books; to adults 1630; a total of 2769 books; an average of 110 a day. Of the Children's classed books fairy tales continued to be the most popular. Literature and history of the adults' books took the lead this month.

One hundred and seventy-three books have been added to the shelves; 146 purchased and 27 gifts. Of the more important books received may be mentioned "Men of the old stone age" by Asborne, "Rodin, the man and his art" by Cladel, "Vagabonding down the Andes" by Franck, "Persian Miniatures" by Dwight, "Progress and poverty" by George, and a large lot of childrens' books, books on the European War, and some new fiction.

One new weekly magazine has been subscribed for; "School and Society".

Books were given by Mrs.W.E.Chilton, Mrs.Samuel Matheson, Mrs.T.G. Walker, Lewis-Hubbard Co., and Mr.B.H.Oxley. Miss Marie Burton sent the Library a check of $4.00 at Christmas time.

Childrens' magazines which were not bound were given to the Union Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlechtweg

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the work of the Library for December 1917 to report to you today.

The Library was open 25 days and was closed all day Christmas Day. To children were loaned 1149 books; to adults 1830; a total of 2979 books; an average of 110 a day. Of the children's classed books fairy tales continued to be the most popular. Literature and history of the adults' books took the lead this month.

Two hundred and seventy-three books have been added to the shelves; 146 purchased and 27 gifts. Of the more permanent books received are mentioned "Men of the old stone age" by Osborne, "Sonny", by Ian Maclaren and "Ben Hur" by Wallace. "Commanded from the ground" by Frank, "Twelve Christmas" by Sayre, "Tom Cringle's log" by Scott, "Cabin and cottage", "Ben Hur", "Cabin and cottage", and a large lot of miscellaneous books, books on the European War, and some new fiction.

One new weekly magazine has been subscribed for, "Science and Society".

Books were given by Mrs.W.H.Chalton, Mrs.Ben.M. Matheson, Mrs.T.G. Hunter, Lewis-Hibbard Co., and Mr.E.H.Farley. Miss Annie Grafton and the Library [illegible] Distributed [illegible]

Children's magazines which were not bound were given to the Union Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Report for January 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in January, being closed all day New Year's day.

Books loaned to children numbered 1306; to adults 2160; a total of 3466; an average of 133 a day. Of the childrens' books, fairy tales and biographies took the lead of the non-fiction books and History and literature in the adult department.

Since the time for the meeting of the Board in January the Library has received 24 bound volumes of magazines from the bindery.

The complete works of O.Henry have been received this month.

Books were given by Mrs.W.E.Chilton, Mrs.S.Deane, frances Dozier, Lloyd Green and Mr.Oxley. Mrs.George E.Price gave numbers of the National Geographic to complete a years' file. Mrs. Woodman gives the "American Forestry".

On January 7th, 55 volumes of magazines and 72 books and 101 steel engravings were shipped to the binder.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Hohlschwedel

Librarian.

Report for January 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Librarian.

Reports for the months of February and March, 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 23 days in February, being closed all day Fer. 22nd.

Books loaned to children numbered 1161; to adults 2247; an average of 148 books a day.

Fifty-one books were mended.

Visitors numbered 3814.

Mrs.E.A.Barnes, Mrs.W.E.Jones, Elliott Stover and Dr.H.B.W. Wood gave books; Mr.I.H.Johnston presented the Library with a portfolio of 106 colored plates of the birds of New York, and as these are practically the same as those of West Virginia, they will be of interest to bird-lovers and students here.

Six new chairs have been received.

The work of the Library for March is as follows:

The Library was open 26 days, being closed one evening from 7 to 9 on account of no electricity for lighting.

Books loaned to children numbered 1140; to adults 2059; of the childrens' books fairy tales, biographies and travel took the lead on the non-fiction, while history and literature were the most popular of the adult "Classed" books. The literature class includes poetry, essays, rhetoric, drama and miscellany.

Since the first Monday in March, 82 books have been added; 31 purchased and 51 gifts. Of the more important ones received may be mentioned Charles Dudley Warner's complete works, a set of Kipling, 6 volumes of Riley's poems, and Green's History of the English People. The Kipling and Riley sets were sent to the Lincoln Branch Library.

Mrs.W.E.Jones gave magazines, Mrs.E.A.Barnes, Mrs.W.E.Chilton and Mrs.I.Schwabe gave books, Mrs.Schwabe giving 57; in the collection were Barnes' General History, Kitchin's History of France Myers' and Allen's Ancient History, and a very good atlas.

From the Food Administration the Library has received posters and bulletins which have been placed in conspicuous places, the bulletins being for distribution.

Reports for the months of February and March, 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 23 days in February, being closed all day Per. Rend.

Books loaned to children numbered 1101; to adults 2267; an average of 148 books a day.

Fifty-one books were mended.

Visitors numbered 1819.

Mrs.H.A.Barnes, Mrs.W.E.Jones, Willert Stover and Dr.H.R.W. Read gave books, and L.Simonton presented the Library with a portfolio of 106 colored plates of the birds of New York, and as these are practically the same as those of West Virginia, they will be of interest to bird-lovers and students here.

Six new chairs have been received.

The work of the Library for March is as follows:

The Library was open 26 days, being closed one evening from 7 to 9 on account of no electricity for lighting.

Books loaned to children numbered 1140; to adults 2095; of the children's books fairy tales, biographies and travel took the lead on the non-fiction, while history and literature were the most popular of the adult "Classed" books. The literature class includes poetry, essays, rhetoric, drama and miscellany.

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Mrs.W.H.Jones gave magazines, Mrs.H.A.Barnes, Mrs.W.H.Quinlan and Frl.L.Moyers gave books, Mrs.Dermont gave 27c in the anti-leprosy fund, Central Business, Kitching's Nursery, F.Moore Myers' and Allen's Ancient History, and a very good atlas.

From the Food Administration the Library has received posters and bulletins which have been placed in conspicuous places, the bulletins being for distribution.

The War Library Board sent posters, leaflets and bulletins for the Book Campaign from March 18th to 25th. The posters were placed in theLibrary, some of the stores in the City, and left at the Post Office; the advertising leaflets were distributed by the Library and some of the stores and moving picture theatres.

We have sent the War Library Board 830 books, 131 coming from the Boy Scouts, Troop 2 , of West Raleigh, West Virginia.

Mr.and Mrs.Burroughs of the South Side have given beautiful cut-flowers.

The hours of the Library remain the same: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schwartz

Librarian.

Report for April 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for the month of April 1918 was as follows:

The Library was open 25½ days, being closed at noon April 26th.

Children borrowed 980 books and adults 1984; a total of 2964 and an average of 114 a day.

37 books were repaired.

Visitors to the Library numbered 3509.

Since the Board met in April, 174 books have been purchased and 29 received as gifts. From the binder, 618 books have been received and 82 volumes of magazines.

Mrs.G.H.Caperton, J.P.Dawson, amd Mrs.C.D.Horton gave many good books this month.

To date the number of books sent to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Library is 1228; and we have several hundred on hand ready for shipment.

The Liberty Loan posters were placed in the Library during the month of April.

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7.p;m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. M. Schlatter

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of the Charlestown Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for the month of April 1918 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed at noon April 20th.

Children borrowed 980 books and adults 1964; a total of 2944 an average of 114 a day.

37 books were read in

Visitors to the Library numbered 3[illegible].

Since the Board met in April, 174 books have been purchased 29 received as gifts. From the binder, 61 books have been received and 32 volumes of magazines.

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Two Library loan posters were placed in the Library during the month of April.

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Librarian

Report for May 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

For the month of May the report of the Library was as follows:

The Library was open 27 days.

Children borrowed 1125 books which were from the following classes: Philosophy, 3; religion, 8; fairy tales, 72; Natural science 35; useful arts, 6; fine arts, 10; Literature, 20; history, 23; travel, 21; biography, 38; fiction 887.

Adults borrowed 1716 books, making a total of 2841, or 105 books a day.

Thirty-seven books were repaired.

Mrs.Lounsbery has kindly contributed "The Bayonet", a newspaper published at Camp Lee, Virginia. The Library is now receiving "The Castle" published at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Books have been received for the Soldiers and Sailors this month from S.A.Carney.

Mrs.L.D.Vickers sent 50 books to the Library this month.

The books and periodicals recently received from the Bindery have been made ready for the shelves.

The New York Times is a popular addition to the reading table.

Mr.and Mrs.Burroughs of the South Side gave beautiful roses.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) E. M. Schlichter

Librarian.

Report for June 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for the month of June 1918 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed 4 hours on June 28th

Children borrowed 1290 books and adults 1663, an average of 118 books a day.

Twenty books were repaired.

Since the Board met in June, only a few books have been received, A set of Morgan Robertson's works and copies of "Keeping our fighters fit", were included.

Mrs.Joseph Holt Gaines sent 121 books, some of which were sent to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Camp Libraries.

Mrs.Charles Loeb and S.Spencer Moore Co. sent books for the Camp Libraries.

Miss Virginia Connell gave a nice lot of childrens' books to the Library. Someone is giving the "New Republic" for three months.

Magazines and books were given to the Salvation Army this month.

Fifty-three volumes of magazines and 95 books were sent to the binder.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichter

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of the Junaluska Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure of presenting the report of the Library for the year ending June 30, 1944, as follows.

Total Library registration: 1 year, books issued always in June 27, 2 years, books issued always in June 27, 3 years, books issued always in June 27.

Children borrowed 1490 books and adults 1667, an average of 116 books a day.

Twenty books were repaired.

Since the Board met in June, only a few books have been repaired, a bill for proper fumigation of books and insects of "Throughout our fighters fit", were included.

Mrs. Joseph Kelly believes that the Library, most of which has been used by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Camp Libraries.

Mrs. Charles Loeb and S. Spencer Moore co-[illegible] Camp Libraries.

Miss Virginia Connell gave a nice lot of children's books to the Library. Someone is giving the "New Republic" for three months.

Magazines and books were given to the Salvation Army this month.

Fifty-three volumes of magazines and 94 books were sent to the binder.

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Report for September 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the work of the Library for September 1918 to report to you:

The Library was colsed all day Labor Day, Sept. 2,nd and Registration Day, Sept. 12th.

Children borrowed 901 books and adults 1955; a total of 2856 and an average of 124 books a day.

Of the children's classed books, fairy tales still took the lead with biographies second in interest. History and literature appealed to the older people; 118 histories being borrowed and 74 books in the literature class.

In the last month, 172 books have been added; 41 purchased, 75 gifts, and 56 volumes of bound magazines.

Dr.W.B.Calder gave five interesting books on Spain, travel and romances, Mrs.George Price gave some interesting books including 11 bound volumes of St.Nicholas, which will delight the children. Mrs.F.M.Staunton sent a large collection of books a number of which were sent to Lincoln Branch Library. Others giving books this month were Fred Harrison, Nancy Elizabeth Wilson.

In all 50 books were sent to Lincoln Branch.

The new Reading and Reference Room is much appreciated and well used by the public. In the evenings alone the average number of occupants is 27.

Twenty-four books were repaired this month.

Visitors numbered 3251.

The hours of the Library remain the same: 10.a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. McCallum

Librarian

Report for September 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charlestown Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the work of the Library for September 1918 to report to you:

The Library was closed all day Labor Day, Sept. 2, and Registration Day, Sept. 12th.

Children borrowed 6071 books and adults 1955; a total of 8026 and an average of 334 books a day.

Of the children's classed books, fairy tales still seem to lead with biographies second in interest. History and literature appealed to the older people; 111 magazines being borrowed and 74 books in the literature class.

In the last month, 172 books have been added. 41 purchases, 75 gifts, and 56 volumes of bound magazines.

Dr.W.B.Calder gave five interesting books on Spain, travel and romance, Mrs.George Price gave some interesting books including 11 bound volumes of St.Nicholas, which will delight the children. Mrs.F.M.Brannon sent a large collection of books a number of which were sent to Lincoln Branch Library. Others giving books this month were Fred Harrison, Baby Kilmartin.

In all 50 books were sent to Lincoln Branch.

The new Reading and Reference Room is much appreciated and well used by the public. In the evenings alone the average number of occupants is 47.

Twenty-four books were received this month.

The hours of the Library remain the same: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Report for October and November 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for the months of October and November has been slight, owing to the enforced closing of the Library on account of the influenza epidemic. The Library was closed from October 8th to November 18th.

Seven Hundred and sixty-four books were taken out during the six days that the Library was open in October, and in the 11 days of November, 1439 books were distributed, making an average of 130 books a day.

Since the last meeting of the Board, October 7th, 164 books have been added to the shelves; 151 purchased and 13 gifts.

Books were given by Miss Nancy Elizabeth Wilson, Mrs.W.B.Brooks, and Mrs.Alice Broun of Dayton, Ohio. Eleven bound volumes of the St.Nicholas were given by Mrs.George L.Price.

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenfel

Librarian.

Report for December 1918

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for December 1918 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day the 25th.

Children borrowed 826 books of which 55 were biographies, 52 fairy tales, 33 books of natural science, which include books on carpentry, boat-building, etc. Adults borrowed 1952, fiction predominatingand 156 books in the "Literature" class and 55 in history.

Since the Board met December 2nd, 196 books have been added of which 168 were purchased. The technical books received were "Field geology" by Lahee, "Coordinate geometry" by Fine and Thompson, and "Principles and practice of electrical engineering" by Alexander Gray.

Mr.B.S.Morgan kindly gave the Library "Municipal Administration" by J.A.Fairlie.

New material for the loose-leaf encyclopedia has been received.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. [illegible]

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for December 1910 was as follows:

The Library was open 29 days, being closed all day the 25th.

Children borrowed 638 books of which 55 were biographies, 56 [illegible], community, [illegible], etc. Added to [illegible] 1910, [illegible] and 1410 books in the "Literature" class and 55 in [illegible].

Since the Board met December 2nd, 140 books have been added of which 168 were purchased. The technical books received were "Field geology" by Lahee, "Coordinate geometry" by Kine and [illegible], and "Principles of [illegible]" by Alexander Gray.

Mrs. S. Morgan Hindy gave the Library "Municipal Administration" by J.A. Fairlie.

New material for the loose-leaf encyclopedia has been received.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian

Report for January 1919

'he Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
adies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in January, and was closed all day
ew Year's Day. On Sunday January 19th, the Library was opened for
he first time in its history, and twenty-one people availed them-
elves of this opportunity to visit the Reading Room. On the 25th
hirty-two were present and on each succeeding Sunday the atten-
ance has steadily increased, showing that the public favor the Sund
ay opening for reading. Books were not loaned on that day.

In January children borrowed 844 books, fairy tales and biog-
aphies predominating in classed books; and adults borrowed 2768,
total of 3612, or 138 a day.

Of the books purchased 127 were made ready for the shelves, in-
luding "The New English Dictionary", seven volumes of which have
een received, and which is a most valuable addition to the Library.

Two new magazines on the subscription list, "Engineering News-
ecord"; and for children, "John Martin's Book" which will be a joy
o the little folks.

Of the books purchased sixty-six were sent to Lincoln Branch
ibrary.

Mrs. William Jones has kindly given copies of "Life" and Mrs.
ohn Dana, Dr. Lounsbery and Mrs. N. Leftwich have given in all
hirty books Forty books were mended.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) E. Von Schlichtendal

Librarian.

Report for February 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for February was as follows;
The Library was open 23 days, being closed all day February 22nd. On two evenings at about 8 o'clock the Library was closed on account of having no light.

864 books were loaned to children and 2717 to adults, an average of 155 a day.

L'Alliance francaise of this City has placed 72 French books in the Library for the use of those interested. The books include histories, biographies, dramas, etc. Thirty-eight have been put on the shelves and the rest, being paper bound, have been shipped to the binder.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma B. von Hohlschuder

Librarian

Report for March 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for March 1919 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days. 3808 books were laoned, 841 to children and 2967 to adults, an average of 146 a day.

Important books were received in March; the vocational books recommended by the War Service Board of the American Library Association, primarily for returning soldiers and sailors, were ordered, and most have been received, and are now ready for use We can truly say that the Library is now a useful factor in the life of the City, since adding so many helpful books on the professions and trades, nearly all of which are represented. The books are new or new editions of valuable earlier books.

One borrower said of "The Modern Railroad" that he "had learned more from that book than from ten years of train service". Besides the vocational books, these being the Library's share of "Reconstruction Work", new fiction, biographies, histories and children's books have been added, also volume 10 of the "Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics", and volume 2 of the "Dictionary of the Apostolic Church". Three volumes of "Masters in Art" were received from the binder.

The Library has been fortunate in gifts; Mrs. L.E. McWhorter sent 34 books, mostly for children, Miss Mollohan 36, and Mrs. Watkers 32; others giving generously were Mrs. N. Leftwich, Dr. Jepson, Mr. Oxley and Mr J.W. Awl. Mr. Burroughs of the South Side gave beautiful spring flowers.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina B. von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Report for Arpil 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In April the Library was open 26 days. 833 books were loaned to children, of which fairy tales biographies and travels predominated in the classed books; and of the 2726 books loaned to adults, books in the "Literature" class, such as essays and poems, took the lead, with biographies second.

The vocational books were borrowed to quite an extent, especially those on journalism.

Since the Board met on April 7th, 71 books have been added; these include technical books, the Encyclopedia of Latin America; 14 volumes of the Encyclopedia Americana; volume 2 of the New English Dictionary; "The War Garden Victorious" (gift); and "Decorative Elements in Architecture" given by the Alliance francaise of this City, which was presented to that organization by the author, William Francklyn Paris.

Miss Abney gave some much needed books on missions.

The hours of the Library remain the same: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) E. M. Schlichter

Librarian

Report for May 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for May 1919 was as follows: 934 books were loaned to children, fairy tales and biographies predominating in the classed books and of the 2599 loaned to adults, those in the literature and history classes were the most popular. 85 technical books were borrowed.

Since the Board met in May, 354 books have been added: 125 purchased, and 229 were gifts. Thirty-three books in the French language, a gift from the Alliance franciase, were received from the binder.

Two additional volumes of the Encyclopedia Americana were received.

The Library was rich in gifts this month: Mrs. Minnie Branston gave 66 books, and Mrs. George Needham 14; others giving generously were: Mrs. E.A.Barnes, Dr.Potterfield, Mr. Oxley and Mr.E.B.Needham. The neat and beautiful sign in the windon was a gift from Mr.Glenn Edgar.

Seventy-nine books were sent to Lincoln Branch Library in May.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. M. Schlichter

Librarian.

Report for June 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for June 1919 was as follows;
The Library was open all day on 25 week days and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Children borrowed 985 books, fairy tales and books of travel taking the lead of the non-fiction books.

Adults borrowed 1969, making a total of 2954 or 118 a day.

In June Mrs. W.H.Patrick went the Library 94 books, and Mrs. Beardsley 42.

Of the new books added, Brand Whitlock's "Belgium" in 2 volumes was the most important.

A dozen new novels were received. Mr. Malcolm Jackson gave the Library two interesting and striking French war posters.

Mr. Burroughs of the South Side gave beautiful cut-flowers.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Sundays as stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for July 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for July 1919 was as follows: The Library was open 26 days, being closed all day July 4th. Children borrowed 1112 books and adults 2417; a total of 3529 and an average of 135 a day.

For children, fairy tales and books on useful arts, such as carpentry and gardening, were the most popular of the non-fiction books. Of the books loaned to adults, history and literature took the lead, but technical books and those on philosophy were also pupular. Classed books, (that is, all other than fiction), are much more in demand than formerly; all useful books may be truly considered a good investment, and thoroughly appreciated by the public.

In July many good books were given to the Library. 94 were given by Mrs. Fred Garber alone.

The Confederate Veteran was given by Mrs. Walter Fisher.

Visitors numbered 3518. On Sunday afternoons the attendance averaged 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene C. Von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Report for August 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In August 1919 the Library was open 26 days. Children borrowed 1013 books and adults 2440, making a total of 3453, an average of 132 a day.

Many gifts were received this month; more than one hundred books were received from the following people: S.Spencer Moore Co.; Miss Wible; Joe J.Hill; Hugh Nicholson; Mrs.R.D.Roller; Mrs.L.H.Jones; Miss Vivian McConihay and Mr.G.W.Porter.

Of the more important books purchased since the last Board meeting, may be mentioned; "The education of Henry Adams"; "The Resurrected Nations"; "Location, construction and mainterance of raods"; "Revolutionary days"; and "Greatheart", the story of Theodore Roosevelt. Two additional volumes of the Encyclopedia Americana have been received.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for September 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for the month of September 1919 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day September 1, Labor Day. 825 books were loaned to children and of these 145 were non-fiction. Adults borrowed 2523 books, 437 of which were non-fiction. The total number borrowed was 3348, over one-fifth of which were non-fiction, showing that when the Library has up-to-date technical and vocational books, histories, and etc., the people will use them.

Visitors to the Library numbered 4089, and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock, the attendance averaged 24.

Thirty-five books were mended.

Since the Board met September 2nd, 149 books have been added to the shelves. 46 were gifts and the rest were purchased. Of the more important books received, may be mentioned; 16 volumes of the new edition of the Encyclopedia Americana; Bailey's "Standard cyclopedia of horticulture"; and a number of books on nursing and hygiene, a few of the titles being: "House sanitation"; Handbook for school nurses"; First aid and emergency treatment" and "Practical home nursing".

Mr C.R.Myers, State Historian and Archivist, gave the Library important books on West Virginia; reports of the Department of Archives and History, Legislative Handbook, etc. Others giving generously were; Mrs.T.S.Clark, Mr.Oxley, and Dr.H.C.Kincaid.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) E. Von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Report for October and November 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 27 days in October 1919. 4017 books were loaned. Of this number 762 were non-fiction.

In November the Library was open 24 days, being closed all day Thanksgiving Day. 4032 books were loaned, 978 to children and 3054 to adults, an average of 168 a day.

Sunday visitors in October averaged 15 and in November, 26.

Quite a large number of books have been added these months; 167 were purchased, 195 were gifts, and 115 of those received from the binder were made ready for the shelves. Of the more important books received were: 2 volumes of the Encyclopedia Americana; "History for ready reference", 8 volumes; "The American petroleum industry", 2 volumes; and the American Highway Engineer's Handbook.

The Library was rich in gifts these months; books were given by Mrs.William B.Hoy, Miss K.B.Abney, Mrs.A.T.Paris Jr., Dr.E.P. Lowe, of New Orleans, and Dr.Kincaid, and magazines and pamphlets from Mr.W.O.Daum and Mrs. Robert McCabe.

Mrs.S.B.Chilton and Miss Sue Staunton have loaned the Library their handsome rubber trees.

A Branch Library was established at Garnett School in November.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. Van E. Chilton

Librarian.

Report for December 1919

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in December 1919, and was closed all day Christmas Day.

Adults borrowed 2926 books and children 1088; a total of 4014, an average of 154 a day.

79 books were mended.

Visitors to the Library numbered 3718.

In December a large number of books were made ready for the shelves; 176 rebound books, 34 purchased, and 104 gifts.

Books were given by Mrs. Cargill, Mrs. Sol May and Miss Margaret Thayer. Miss Jefferds has given the "New Republic", Mr. Daum "The World Call", and Mr. I. H. Johnston, "Bird Lore".

Garnett Branch Library, established in November, has been added to from time to time and has now 307 volumes.

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report for January 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work fo the Library for January 1920 was as follows: The Library was open 26 days, being closed all day January 1st. Children borrowed 1321 books, adults 3694, a total of 5015 or 192 a day.

Of the children's non-fiction books, (Fairy tales being classed as a division of sociology), fairy tales and books of travel took the lead. In the adult department Literature and history were mostly read. More than one-fifth of the total number of books were in the non-fiction class, proving that the public will use and do ask for more important books in all classes of literature.

4049 visitors came to the Library in January.

75 books were mended.

114 books have been received this month. 39 were purchased and 75 were gifts. The American Library Association has sent out the "A.L.A. Blue Letter" to all the Libraries, and also a prospective of their inlarged program for supplying books to everybody. The Charleston Gazette kindly called attention to this program in a splendid editorial in the January 21st issue. I am sure the Board and Book Committee feel grateful for the publicity given this movement. Books were given this month by Miss Katie Bell Abney, Mrs. Heyder and Mr. W.B.Mathews.

Visitors using the Reading Room on Sunday afternoons averaged 32.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. M. Schachtel

Lbn.

Report of February, 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for February 1920 was as follows: The Library was open 24 days, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Sundays afternoons from 2 to 5.

Children borrowed 1182 books and adults 3607, a total of 4789 books, or 199 a day. Fairy tales and travel books were the most popular of the non-fiction class for children, and technical books and those in the "Literature" class took the lead in the non-fiction for adults.

81 books were repaired.

Of the books received since last February 2 may be mentioned Allen's Commercial Organic Analysis, which was placed in the Reference Room; Halsey's Handbook for Machine Designers, Shopmen and Draftsmen, also put in the Reference Department. Other important books are Theodore Roosevelt by W.R.Thayer; History of the Lithuanian nation, a gift; "Color schemes for the home and model interiors" - Frohne; "Mechanics of the household" - Keene; "Elements of plumbing" - Dibble, and "The flower finder" by Walton.

Mrs. W. S. Laidley gave the Library a handsome copy of the "History of Charleston and Kanawha County" by W.S.Laidley, which was placed in the West Virginia section of the Reference Department. Books were given by Mrs. G.H. Capperton, Mrs. Caruthers, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. James Kyle, and Mrs. Van Kirk, the latter giving 175 books. Magazines were given by Mrs. Cargill. Two boxes of books and periodicals were sent to the binder.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. von Schlichtenthal

Lbn.

Report for March, 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for March 1920 was as follows: The Library was open 27 days, the hours remaining the same: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room was open from 2 to 5.

Children borrowed 1174 books and adults 3613, a total of 4787, or 177 a day.

Since March 1st, 1920, 383 books have been made ready for the shelves. A large number were rebound books and 31 were bound volumes of magazines. Some very interesting and important books have been received; TheChautauqua Reading Course for 1919; the Life of John Marshall in 4 volumes (volumes 1 and 2 appeared in 1917); The Chronicles of America, 30 volumes of which were received. These were placed in the Reference Department; 5 supplementary volumes to the children's Book of Knowledgewere received, making this set now equivalent to the new edition.

A large number of books were given in March. Governor MacCorkle kindly presented a volume of his addresses entitled "Some Southern Questions", others giving generously were Misses Cargill, Gravatt, and Blake. Mr. Page Bledsoe sent 38 volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. M. Schlichter

Lbn.

Report for April 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for April 1920 was as follows:

The Library was open twenty-six days.

Children borrowed 1148 books and adults 3461, a total of 4609, an average of 177 a day. More than one-fifth of the number of books loaned were non-fiction, a very good percentage for the size of the Library.

One hundred and twenty-seven books were repaired.

Since the meeting of the Board on April 5th, 140 books have been catalogued, the bulk of them going this month to Garnett Branch Library. Nine were rebound books, 35 purchased, and 96 were gifts.

Vol. 27 of the Americana Encyclopedia was received, also Champ Clark's "My quarter century of American politics", in 2 volumes. Saward's "Manual of the coal trades" was sent to the Library by the author.

Books were received in April from E.J.David, Mrs.Laura Lewis, Mrs. George Lounsbery, ThomasJ.Maloney, F.W.Saward, and Mrs.Buckner Clay. Mrs.Clay gave 23.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) E. M. Schlichtendal

Librarian.

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Books were received in April from E.J.David, Mrs.Laura Lewis, Mrs. Sarah Lichtenstein, Mrs.Mary Mallard, T.R.Kennedy and Mrs.Sophie Cohen (Mrs.Arthur Levy 2).

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Report for May 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and gentlemen:

The work of the Library for May 1920 was as follows:

The Library was open 26 days.

Children borrowed 1090 books, adults 2962, a total of 4052, or 194 a day. Of the children's books fairy tales and biographies took the lead of the classed books, and literature and history were the most popular of the adult books, the other classes ranking as follows: 58 books of travel, 51 technical books, 42 biographies.

One hundred and thirty-one books were mended.

Visitors to the Library numbered 3710. On Sunday afternoons visitors averaged 21.

During this month 214 books were made ready for the shelves; 68 were gifts, 95 purchased and 51 rebound books.

Of the more important books received may be mentioned; Encyclopedia Britannica, 9th edition, from Mrs.J.W.Dawson, which was sent to Garnett Branch Library; The American Nation, 26 volumes, a comprehensive history written by various authors and published by Harper Bros.; 10 volumes of "Chronicles of America", 40 volumes of this set have now been received.; "A dictionary of applied chemistry" 5 volumes, new edition, giving all new chemical terms metals, alloys, etc., a most valuable addition to the Reference Department.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) E. M. Schlichtendal

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and gentlemen:

The work of the Library for May 1920 was as follows:

The Library was open 26 days.

Children borrowed 1090 books, adults 2982, a total of 4072, or 156.4 daily. Of the children's books fiction was the largest book the lead of the classed books, and literature and history were the most popular of the adult books, the other classes ranking as follows: 58 books of travel, 31 technical books, 32 biographies.

One hundred and thirty-one books were mended.

Visitors to the Library numbered 3710. On Sunday afternoons visitors averaged 21.

During this month 214 books were made ready for the shelves: 63 were gifts, 95 purchased and 51 rebound books.

Of the more important books received may be mentioned: Encyclopedia Britannica, 9th edition, from Mrs.J.W.Dawson, which was sent to Carroll Branch Library. "The American Nation", a twelve-volume comprehensive history written by various authors and published by Harper Bros.; 10 volumes of "Chronicles of America", 40 volumes of this set have now been received; "A dictionary of applied chemistry" 5 volumes, new edition, giving all new chemical terms, dyes, etc., a most authoritative work in the Reference Department.

Report for July and August 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The number of books borrowed in July was 3788, in August, 3749. Adults borrowed 5398 and children 2139, a total for the two months of 7537. Fairy tales and books in the Literature class such as collections of poetry, readers, etc., were the most popular of the non-fiction books for children, while literature history and biography appealed more to the grown readers.

The Charleston Library has been credited with the finest French collection in the State and the books are constantly borrowed. For the bulk of the collection, the Library is indebted to the "Alliance française" of this city.

Important books added this month are Vols.28 & 29 of the Encyclopedia Americana, The inclusive edtion of Kipling's verse, "White shadows in the South Seas" by O'Brien, "Economic consequences of the peace" by Keynes, the lat two beigg the most widely read books in the United States for several months, according to the Bookman.

A large shipment of childrens' books has arrived, also some new fiction and technical books. We are getting them on the shelves as rapidly as possible.

"Asia", a monthly magazine, has been added, and the "Industrial Arts Index" which will make our technical periodicals more valuable to the research worker.

During these months books were given by Mrs.Chilton, Mr.Fisher, and Mrs.L.E.McWhorter.

Lincoln and Garnett Branch libraries have been added to from time to time. Garnett Branch was open all summer and had a large circulation of books.

The hours of the main Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) [illegible]

Report for July and August 1940

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Adults borrowed 5298 and children 2139, a total for the two months of 7437. Fairy tales and books in the literature class such as collections of poetry, essays, etc., were the most popular of the non-fiction books for children, while literature [illegible].

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The hours of the main Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Report for September 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for September 1920 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Labor Day.

Children borrowed 850 books and adults 2606, a total of 3456, and an average of 138 a day.

Visitors to the Library numbered 2492.

Fifty-six books were mended.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlechtendal

Librarian.

Library.

Report for October 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in October, 1920.

Children borrowed 1092 books and adults 2873, a total of 3965 and an average of 152 books a day. Of the childrens' books fairy tales and biographies took the lead of the non-fiction and of the adults books those in the Literature classes, such as essays, poetry and dramas, took the lead with biographies second.

Since the Board met the first Monday in September, 473 books have been added to the Library; of these 148 were purchased, 298 rebound books and periodicals and 27 gifts.

Of the more important books may be mentioned. Index volume of the Americana Encyclopedia, Watts' Dictionary of Chemistry in 4 volumes, Appleton's Medical Dictionary, presented by Dr.Jepson of the State Health Department, and "Portfolio of the industries of Cuba" in Spanish and English.

Mrs.C.V.Gentry gave a large collection of splendid books which will soon be ready for the Main Library and branches.

The Library is now open on week days continously from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5. On Public Holidays the Library will be closed all day.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. M. Schlichter

Librarian.

Report for October 1940

The Board of Directors of the Charlestown Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in October, 1940.

and an average of 192 books a day. Of the children's books
and of the adults books those in the Literature classes, such
as essays, poetry and dramas, took the lead with biographies
second.

have been added to the Library; of these 146 were purchased,

Of the more important books may be mentioned Index volume of
the American Encyclopedia, Watts' Dictionary of Chemistry
in 4 volumes, Hyperion's Medical Dictionary, Proceedings of
the Japan of the State Health Department, and "Portfolio of
the Industries of Cuba" in Spanish and English.

will soon be ready for the Main Library and branches.

to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from
2 to 5. On Public Holidays the Library will be closed all day.

Librarian.

Report for November 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for the month of November 1920 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Thanksgiving Day.

From the Main Library, children borrowed 1425 books and adults 2930, a total of 4355 and an average of 174 a day. Of the childrens' books 464 were non-fiction and 707 of the adult books were "Classed", or non-fiction.

Lincoln Branch Library, located in Lincoln High School, issued 655 books; Garnett Branch in Garnett High School loaned 255; a total of Library books loaned during the month, of 5265.

Fifty-six books were mended.

Visitors numbered 3160.

One of the staff members made posters for Thanksgiving Day and the Red Cross Drive, and now has some ready for Christmas, calling attention to Christmas books, poems, etc.

On Sunday afternoons those using the Reading and Reference Room averaged 33.

Since the Board met November 1, 1923, 219 books have been made ready for the shelves; 33 purchased, 38 rebound, and 148 gifts.

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Reading and Reference Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) B. M. Schlichter

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for the month of November 1940 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Thanksgiving Day.

From the Main Library, children borrowed 1425 books and adults 2[illegible] books were "classed", or non-fiction.

Library in Branch Libraries, loaned in Library, large volume, issues 635 books; Garnett Branch in Garnett High School loaned 325; a total of Library books loaned [illegible].

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On Sunday afternoons those using the Reading and Reference Room averaged 33.

Since the Board met November 1, 1924, 214 books have been mend[illegible]

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Reading and Reference Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report of December, 1920

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for December 1920 was as follows; The Library was open twenty-six days, being closed all day Christmas Day. Children borrowed 1226 books, of which 372 were non-fiction; adults borrowed 2891, more than one-fourth of which were in the non-fiction class, Literature, (which includes essays, poetry etc.) History and biography took the lead this month, although books on travel, philosophy, business, etc, were loaned.

Garnett Branch loaned 192 books.

Fifty books were mended. 3330 visitors came to the Library in December.

The attendance on Sunday afternoons averaged 45.

Since the Board met December 6, 1920, 186 books have been added to the Main Library and branches; 91 purchased and 95 were gifts. Those giving books to the Library this month were; Mesdames Walter Brooks, John Cotton, and A. B. Koontz; Misses Sarah Barber, Eleanor Chilton and Mary Marshall.

The W. C. T. U. of Charleston gave four of Mr. G. Campbell Morgan's books on the study of the Bible.

The New Standard Dictionary, 1920 edition, which is remarkable for "compounds" and scientific terms, has been added to the Reference Department.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Reference and Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. von Schlichtenhorst

Lbn.

Report of the State Library Conference, 1920

The Librarians of the State Library Association met in Parkersburg November 4, 1920, at the High School Library, holding two sessions, the first at 10 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m. Miss Scollay Page of the Clarksburg Public Library president of the State Library Association, presided. A librarian from Maryland gave a talk on County Libraries and told how the work was administered in her county. She was sent by the Library Extension Department of the Federated Woman's Clubs. A draft of the Library Commission Bill was read by Mr. Arnett of the State University Library and some changes were recommended.

It was an inspiration to be with the Librarians and to see the new High School Library. The half day, November 5, spent at the Public Library was a most profitable one. There are no Branch Libraries, but collections of books are sent to the graded schools and a similar circulating system used which brings the circulation up to about 300 a day.

Report of January, 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for the month of January 1921 was as follows;

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day New Year's Day. Children borrowed 1204 books, and adults 3594, a total of 4798, or 191 books a day. Of the children's books 346 were non-fiction and 847 of the adult books were in the non-fiction classes; "Literature", which comprises essays, poetry, etc. being the most widely read.

Lincoln Branch was open twelve days and loaned 336 books. Garnett Branch was open 21 days and loaned 367 books. The total of all books loaned is 5501.

Forty-seven books were mended. Two boxes ofbooks were received from the binder and will be put on the shelves as soon as possible.

The Library was very fortunate in gifts this month; a large lot of books were sent from the Red Cross Shop; Mr. Clifford Myers sent 93 books, mostly technical, from the War Service Library, a very acceptable gift. Mr. E.B.Needham gave many fine books ; a set of "The Universal Anthology", 33 volumes; Shakespeare's complete works, "The History of Romance and Crime", 12 volumes; "The Journal of American History" in 42 parts; The "Book of History", 15 volumes, and some micellaneous books. Others giving generously were Mrs. Abbie Needham, Mrs. Fred Staunton, and Miss Susan Porter. Mrs. A.B. Koontz sent many periodicals, and an anonymous friend of the Library is sending "The Open Road", a magazine for boys.

Of the books purchased since the Board met January 6, 1923, the more important are "The Cyclopedia of American Government", 3 volumes, which were placed in the Reference Room; a complete set of O'Henry's stories and H. G. Wells' "Outline of History", 2 volumes.

The hours of the Library remain the same; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Reference and Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. M. Schlichter

Lbn.

Report for February and March 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for February and March 1921 was as follows;

In February the Library was open 23 days, being closed all day Febraary 22nd. 4701 books were loaned at the Main Library, 1148 to children and 3553 to adults. Lincoln Branch loaned 744 and Garnett 277, a total of 5722 books.

In March the Library was open 19 days, being closed from the 18th to the 28th on account of moving to the Red Cross Building on the Levee. 3568 books were loaned at the Main Library, 915 to children and 2653 to adults. Lincoln Branch loaned 1068 and Garnett loaned 287; a total of all Library books loaned in March, 4923.

Since February 7th, 197 books have been added to the Library: 95 were gifts, 15 rebound, and 87 were purchased. Some of the more important books were: Historic shrines of America; Westcott's Handbook of Natural Gas; and Henry Adam's Letters to a neice".

Those giving generously these months were: Mrs. Rudesill, Catherine Guthrie and Mrs. W.S.Shelton.

The hours of the Library remain the same; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Redding Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) W. S. Shelton

Librarian.

Report for April and May 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentleman;

The work of the Library for the months of April and May 1921 was as follows:

In April 1921 the Library was open 26 days. 4416 books were loaned, making an average of 169 a day.

In May 1921, 4115 books were loaned, an average of 164 a day for the 25 days the Library was open. The Library was closed all day Decoration Day.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlendorf

Librarian.

Report for June 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for June 1921 was as follows: The Library was open 26 days. Children borrowed 1355 books and adults 2887, a total of 4242, an average of 163 books a day. This average compares favorably with the daily circulation of books for previous months when the Library was located at 914-916 Kanawha Street, showing that the people find this a central location.

A number of books have been sent to the Branch Libraries this month.

The more important books added to the Reference Department are: Dictionary of painters and engravers, 5 volumes; Mythology of all races, 7 volumesreceived thus far; Best things from best authors, 9 volumes; The speaker's garland, 10 volumes.

The Library has been extremely fortunate in gifts of books this month. Those giving generously were; Mrs. Julius de Gruyter Dr. O'Grady, Mrs. L. P. Gramm Misses Virginia Cork and Gilliland and Mrs. Shelton.

The hours of the Library remain the same: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

Report of July, 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for the month of July 1921 was as follows; The Library was open twenty-five days, being closed all day Independence Day. Children borrowed 1401 books and adults 278, a total of 4181 or 167 a day. Fiction predominated as always; but children showed a preference for fairy tales, collections of stories and books of travel. Of the classed-books for adults, essays, poetry and technical books took the lead.

80 books were repaired. Since the Board met in July, 396 book have been added. 213 were gifts, 31 rebound books and periodicals, and 152 purchased - a large percentage of the books bought this month were "replacements", much needed fiction, fairy tales, etc.

Of the more important books acquired are; Reclus' "Earth and its inhabitants", 19 vols., presented by Mrs. W. C. Shelton. This is a valuable and interesting geographical set. Gov. W. A. MacCorkle sent the Library his "The White Sulphur Springs" and four other books from his pen.

The large exhaust fan recently installed makes the building more comfortable, and more people are now using the Reference and Reading Room.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. von Schlemmer

Lbn.

Report Of September, 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for September 1921 was as follows; The Library was open 25 full days and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5. Children borrowed 1570 books and adults 3253, a total of 4823, or 192 a day. Lincoln Branch was open only the last week in September and loaned 175 books. Garnett Branch loaned 45 books.

Since the Board met, August 1, 1921, 397 books have been added. 183 were purchased, 181 were gifts and 33 were bound volumes of periodicals.

Mrs. Joseph Holt Gaines presented the Library with 14 bound volumes of the St. Nicholas; a nice lot of books were also given by Mr. Alvin McCormick.

The Board was very fortunate in securing for the children's Librarian Mrs. Marion Harvey. On August 18th she inaugurated the story-telling hour with splendid success, the children responding from all sections of the City, three families even being represented from South Charleston.

With the bound volumes of periodicals, and keys to them; "readers guide to Periodical Literature" and "Industrial Arts Index", the Reference Department is equipped to be a help to the students of the City, or anyone doing reference work.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a. M. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 the Reference and Readind Room is open.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. Jon Schlichtendal
Sec

Report of October, 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for October 1921 was as follows; The Library was open 26 days and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock. At the Main Library children borrowed 2169 books, and adults 3922, a total of 6091, or 234 a day. Lincoln Branch loaned 821 books and Garnett Branch 59.

Since the Board met October 3rd, 376 books have been added to the Main Library and branches;. 265 were purchased, 67 were rebound books and periodicals, and 44 were gifts. A large proportion of the new books were for the Children's Department.

It is very gratifying to note the decided interest in this department, which is being shown by the schools and public generally; and since the inauguration of the weekly story-telling hour a very noticeable increase in the circulation of children's books is recorded.

Those giving generously this month were; Mrs. W.E.Chilton, Ronald Coleman, Mrs R.L.Cox, Mrs. James Flynn, and Mrs. James Campbell Mathews.

Six benches have been added to the Children's Room, and a new filing cabinet has been received.

Of the more important books added this month may be mentioned; a complete set of Robert Louis Stevenson, 10 volumes of Mark Twain's works, "Language for men of affairs", 2 volumes, "Handbook of building construction", 2 volumes (the latter was placed in the Reference Department), "The Children's hour", and "The Kindergarten Children's Hour". Of the more recent novels listed as being of literary distinction the Library has the following; "Three soldiers" - Don Passos, "To let" - Galsworthy, "If winter comes" - Hutchinson, "Majesty" - Couperus, "Alice Adams" - Tarkington, "Jake" - Tietjens, and "Growth of the soil" - Hamsun.

The weekly and Sunday hours of the Library remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) E. M. Chilton

Lbn.

Report of November, 1921

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for November 1921 was as follows; The Library was open twenty-five days, being closed all day Thanksgiving day.

Children borrowed 2842 books, and adults 4312, a total of 7154, or 286 a day.

Some of the more important books added this month are; Wells' Outline of History, one volume edition; History of Labor in the United States, 2 volumes, by J. R. Commons; Oxford History of Music, 6 volumes; Bartlett's Familiar Quatations, new edition; Goddard's Psychology of the Normal and Subnormal; Jameson's Modern Drame in Europe; "Abraham Lincoln" by Charnwood.

Ten additional volumes of "Chronicles of America" have been received, completing this fine set of American history by contemporaries.

A fine collection of books was given to the Library by the American Unitarian Association through the First Unitarian Society of Charleston, books by Theodore Parker, William E. Channing, and others.

Miss Norvell Harrison, formerly of Charleston, now of New York, sent to the Library two books with the inscription "Presented to the Charleston Public Library, in memory of Edmund Caskie Harrison, by his sister, Norvell Harrison" - the books are "The next war" by W.H.Irwin, and "Now it can be told", by Philip Gibbs.

Mrs. Gardiner Plumley gives "The Reviewer", a new literary magazine published in Richmond.

Since the inauguration of the story-telling hour, the circulation of children's books has steadily increased; from 1411 in August to 1570 in September, 2069 in October, and 2842 in November.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Van Schaick Goodwin

Lbn.

Report of December 1921

The directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The Library was open 26 days in December, being closed all day December 26. Children borrowed 3329 books and adults 4193; a total of 7522 or 289 books a day.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 40.

Since the Board met on December 5, 378 books have been added; 198 were purchased and 180 were gifts.

The Section B of the Woman's Auxiliary of the St. John's Episcopal Church gave the Spirit of Missions, and books were given by Mrs. E. D. Allen and Miss Helene Beranek.

Of the more important books may be mentioned the Cambridge History of American Literature, 3 vols., West Virginia Legislative Handbook given by the Secretary of State, and 10 volumes of the Chronicles of America, completing this fine set of histories, which is in the Reference Department.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichter Adm.

Report of January 1922

Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and gentlemen;

The word of the Library for January 1922 was as follows;
The Library was opened 25 days, being closed all day January 2. Children borrowed 2807 books and adults 4568, a total of 7375 or 297 books a day. Of the more important books received may be mentioned the American Statesmen, a series of biographies which were placed in the Circulating Department. A number of children's books were added, also some new fiction. Books were given by Mr. Oxley and Mr. Lovett. Mrs. Tom Beury gave 20 books, Mrs. M. Boiarsky gave 5 Jewish books, Mr. Clifford Meyers gave some books in the French language, also a volume of Jewish folk songs in Hebrew. The Army recruiting officer gave some pamphlets.

Mrs. Harvey, the Children's Librarian, visited the schools making announcements of the story-telling hour and telling the children about books in the Children's Department. The Thursday afternoon story hours were well attended. Miss Sallie Caperton, Miss Frances Dillon, and Mr. Schoenfeldt assisted Mrs. Harvey on several occasions.

Respectfully submitted
(Mrs.) B. M. Schoenfeldt
Chm.

Report of February 1922

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and gentlemen;

The Library was open 24 days in February. The children borrowed 2671 books and adults 4658, a total of 7329, or 305 books a day.

People gave generously to the Library this month.
Mr. Charles V. Price gave
Blast furnace construction in America - Johnson
Electric furnaces - Rodenhauser
American mine accounting - Charlton
The West Virginia Engineers' Association gave
10 bound volumes of the Electrical World
Engineering Magazine, 3 vols.
Transactions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 11 vols
Transactions of the American Institute of Mining engineers, 21 vols.
Transactions of the American Society of Civil engineers, 2 vols.
Transactions of the American Institute of Electrical engineers, 19
Mrs. W. E. Chilton gave a set of Lord's Beacon Lights of History, 10 vols and "Mirrors of Downing Street". Others giving liberally were Mrs. McClanahan of Laidley Street, Mrs. Elizabeth deGruyter McVey, and Mr. B. H. Oxley.

In the absence of the Children's Librarian, Miss Frances Dillon assisted in the Children's Department, on one Thursday afternoon Miss Anne Hemmings, student of the High School told the children stories. The Charleston Daily Mail had a photographer on hand one Thursday and succeeded in getting a good flashlight photograph of the children at story telling time. The picture was used in the following Sunday's Mail

The hours of the Library remain the same, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted

(Mrs) E. M. Schlosstedt

Report of March, 1922

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The work of the Library for March 1922 was as follows; The Library was open twenty-seven days; children borrowed 2134 books and adults 4696, a total of 6830, or 252 a day.

Of the more important books added this month are; "The friendly Arctic" by Stefansson; "The reptiles of the world" by Ditmars, (this book will be of special interest to girl scouts; they use it in their reading course) a new City Directory; vol.12 of the Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics; an additional volume to the Encyclopedia Britannica, and a commentary on the Bible in thirty-three volumes.

Mrs. W. E. Moore gave a large collection of books this month, some of them of special interest to boys. Mrs. Abbie Needham gave a set of Thackeray; Mr Pettit gave four large handsome volumes; Dante's Inferno, Dante's Purgatory and Paradise, The story of Arthur and Guinevere, and Paradise lost; a collection of books and pamphlets were sent by some one who failed to give his name; others giving generously were; Mrs. W. B. Brooks, Miss Bess Goshorn, Harry Brawley, Allen Haley, and the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church.

One hundred books were sent to Garnett branch Library.

Mrs. W. D. Sell, Rev. Arthur Schoenfeldt and Miss Bly Taylor entertained the children on story-hour afternoons with fairy-tales, folk-lore, animal stories, etc.

Miss Mary Gravatt made an "Oz" freize, which is very attractive and which adds a bit of color to the children's room.

The hours of the Library for April will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m for every week day; and by order of the Board the Library will be closed on Sunday afternoons.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. Van Ethelbert Lee

Lbn.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for April 1922 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 week days and on the first Sunday of the month, being closed the following Sundays by order of the Board.

Children borrowed 1962 books and adults 4005, a total at the Main Library of 5967, an average of 238 a day. Lincoln Branch loaned . Garnett Branch loaned 205.

The second additional volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica has been received, which with a third which is to follow, and the 29 vols. of the 11th. edition, constitutes their 12th. edition.

23 bound volumes of magazines & 18 books have been received from the binder.

Mrs. W. E. Chilton gave a fine set of Lord's "Beacon Lights of History", other books were given by H. B. Allbrooks, Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Elliott Mansour, Mrs. Amy Singleton, and the Wilmer Atkinson Co. of Philadelphia. Pamphlets were given by the Daughters of th Confederacy, and Rev Arthur Schoenfeldt. The U.S. Army New was received, also "The Jewish Woman".

Mrs. W. D. Sell, Miss Virginia Coleman, Rev. Arthur Schoenfeldt and Miss Anne Hemmings took charge of the Thursday story-hours for children, and entertained them with fairy-tales, folk-lore animal stories stories, etc.

The hours of the Library for May 1922 will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room will be open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtedal

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for May 1922 was as follows: The Library was open 26 days, being closed on the 30th., Decpration Day till 6:30 o'clock.

Children borrowed 1659 books and adults 3814, a total of 5473, or 210 a day. No report received from Lincoln Branch. Garnett Branch loaned 140 books.

Since the Board met on May 1-1922, 137 books have been added, 32 were purchased, 25 were rebound periodicals and 80 were gifts.

Of the more important books received were:
"Accepting the Universe" - By John Burroughs
"A Parody Outline of History" - by D.O.Stewart
"Painted Windows" - by the Gentleman with a Duster
The 3rd.new volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica
"The Story of Mankind" - by Van Loon
"Collected Poems" - by Edwin Arlington Robinson
"The Founding of New England" - by J.T.Adams
"On the Art of Writing" - by Quiller-Couch.

Some interesting gifts were:
"Shaksper not Shakespeare" - by Wm.H.Edwards
"Arabian Nights' Entertainments" 3.vols.1877 edition fully illustrated.
"Representative Southern Poets" - By C.W.Hubner
"History of the Colony and Ancient Dominion of Va." - by Charles Campbell
"Victims of the Mamertine" - by A.J.O'Reilly.

Congressman L.S.Echols sent to the Library the official register of the United States of 1921, and the Congressional record is received daily from the same source.

In May 1922 the story-hours for children were conducted by Miss Blye Taylor, Mrs.W.D.Sell and Rev.Arthur Schoenfeldt.

The hours of the Library are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days, and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

June 12-1922 (Mrs) B. M. Schoenfeldt,
Sec

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies & Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for June 1922 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days. Children borrowed 1810 books, and adults 3675, a total of 5485 or 210 books a day.

Since the Board met June 12-1922 108 books have been added to the shelves: 44 purchased, and 64 were gifts.

Miss Mary Hedrick gave some very interesting ones, among them were "The Ballad Book" compiled by Allingham, "The Golden Treasury" compiled by Palgrave, and Vol.3 of Scribner's magazine.
Mrs.Abbie Needham gave books and "The Illustrated London News".

The most popular books at the Library in June were:
"If Winter Comes" by Hutchinson
"Alice Adams" by Tarkington
"St.Teresa" by Harrison
"Outline of History by Wells
"Parody Outline of History" by Stewart and
"Painted Windows" by the Gentleman with a Duster

Mrs.W.D.Sell conducted the Children's Hour on June ist.& 8th. and after the latter date the stories were discontinued until school begins in the fall.

The hours of the Library are:
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week-days and on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. M. Schlichtendal
Libr

July 10-1922

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Library Board meeting Aug.8-1922

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies & Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for July 1922 was as follows:
The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Independence Day.

Children borrowed 1703 books and adults 4130, a total of 5833, or 233 a day.

Since the Board met July 10-1922 118 books have been added-63 were purchased and 55 were gifts. Of the more important ones may be mentioned, a complete new set of Thomas Nelson Page; "Familiar Allusions" and a "Dictionary of Noted Names of Fiction", both of which were edited by W.A.Wheeler. The two last named were placed in the Reference Department.

Mrs.Abbie Needham, Mrs.Amy Singleton, Mrs.Arthur Koontz, Miss Mary Belle Johnston, & Messrs,Offutt Lakin & Alexis Garretson Jr.gave very interesting books and periodicals this month.

The hours of the Library remain the same--from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.every week day, and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schaeffer

Lbn.

August 1922

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open for circulation of books in August, 27 days, and on Sunday afternoons the reading room was open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Children borrowed 1680 books and adults 4336, a total of 6016 or 222 a day.

Since the Board met Aug.8th.1922, 44 books were purchased, 30 were gifts ans 7 periodicals & 156 books were received from the binder.

Some of the more important books added this month were:
"The Mind in the Making" by J.H.Robinson
"Anna Christy" by Eugene O'Neill
The West Va.Legislative Handbook for 1922.
Official Congressional Directory
"The Outline of Science" 3vols.
"Books and Characters" - Lytton Strachey

A collection of books in the French language, were among the rebound volumes, comprising books by Voltaire, Lamartine, Maeter,inck, Brieux & others.

Many gifts were received this month from Mrs.H.W.Knight, Hon.L.S.Echols, Mr.Clifford Meyers,Mr.Geo.S.Laidley, Misses Lillian Cracraft, Alice Elizabeth Callahan & Schiff, and Mrs.Ella Anderson.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days & on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. M. Schlosser

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies & Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Sept.1922 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Sept.4th Labor Day.

Children borrowed 1349 books and adults 4315, a total of 5664, an average of 226 a day.

287 books were mended.

Visitors on Sundays averaged 14.

Among the important books received this month were:
"Marse Henry, an autobiography" 2 vols.
"Seeing the Sunny South" by J.T.Faris
"The Northward Course of Empire" - by Stefansson
"Working North from Patagonia" - by H.A.Franck
"My Brother, Theodore Roosevelt" - By Mrs.C.R.Robinson

In September, those giving collections of books were:
Mrs.Vincent Churchman
Miss Eloise Noyes
Mr.Frank Tyree
Mrs.D.W.Border
Mr.Leo Loeb
Miss Catherine Wade Guthrie

The hours of the Library remain the same:
From 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days, and on Sundays the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Lbn.

Nov. 6th 1922

October 1922

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies & Gentlemen:

In October the Library was open 26 days.

Children borrowed 1534 books and adults 4513, a total of 6047, an average of 232 a day.

150 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 22.

Five books on project teaching were added this month, and other interesting volumes were:
"Roosevelt, the happy warrior" - by Bradley Gilman
"Furnishing the house" - by R.R.Phillips
"The Southern highlander & his Homeland" - by J.C.Campbell
"Every step in bee-keeping" - by B.W.Douglass
"The crow's nest" - by Clarence Day Jr.

Those giving giving generously were:
Mrs.J.W.Smiley
Mrs.R.D.Roller
Mr.Paul Youse
Mrs.D.W.Patterson

The story-telling hour was popular, showing that 153 children attended, an average of 38 on each Thursday afternoon. Mrs.W.D.Sell was in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs B. von Schlichtendal

Lbn.

Oct.
Nov. 6-1922

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies & Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Nov.1922 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Thanksgiving Day. Children borrowed from the Central Library 1910 books, and adults 4675, a total of 6585. Lincoln Branch loaned 1042, and Garnett Branch 136, a grand total of 7765.
The children's hour was well attended, a record being kept of the number of children that attend and from which schools.

For children's book week , Nov.12th. through the 18th. a local book dealer loaned a splendid lot of children's books, attractive editions of old favorites and some new books.

Since the Board met in Nov. 275 books have been added, this includes 49 bound volumes of magazines, 122 purchased and 94 gifts.

Of the more important books received may be mentioned:
Forty-six books used in the Marshall College Extension Course, these are principally on methods of teaching and are placed in the reference department. In the circulating department, some new ones are, "Famous leaders of character" by Edwin Waldman
"Life & Letters of Walter H.Page" 2.vols.
"1492" - by Mary Johnston
and also the latest novels of Galsworthy, Morley, Walpole and ~~Walpole.~~ Parker

A splendid collection of books was given by Mr.E.B.Needham, among them being books on art, some travel books , histories and fiction. Others giving this month were Mrs.W.E.Chilton, Wm.Nutter Walker, and Mr.W.D.Sell.

Visitors to the Library on Sunday afternoons averaged 24.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 9.p.m. on week days, and on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) J. M. Schlichtmann

Lbn.

Dec. 11th

[illegible] of Charlestown Public Library,
[illegible]:

The work of the Library for Nov.1922 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Thanksgiving day. Children borrowed from the central Library 7187 books, and adults 4677, a total of 11864. Lincoln Branch loaned 1447, and Garrett Branch 136, a grand total of 13446.

The children's hour was well attended, a record being kept of the number of children that attend and from what schools.

For children's book week, Nov.12th, through the 18th, a local book dealer loaned a splendid lot of children's books, attractive editions of old favorites and some new books.

Since the Library met in Nov. 377 books have been added, this being the 40 [illegible] volumes of magazines, 129 purchased and 248 gifts.

Of the more important books received may be mentioned:
"Art - all books used in the Arnold College [illegible] course, these are principally on methods of teaching and are placed in the reference department. In the circulating department, some new ones are, "Famous Leaders of Government" by Edwin Emery
"Life & Letters of Walter H.Page" 2.vols.
"1492" - by Jerry Johnson
and the latest novels of Galsworthy, Morley, Walpole and Wharton.

A splendid collection of books was given by Mr.[illegible] among them being books on art, some travel books, histories and fiction. Others giving this month were Mrs.W.H.Ditton, Mr.Walter Walker, and Mr.W.D.Bell.

Visitors to the Library on Sunday afternoons averaged 84.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days and on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Dec.1922 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days and was closed all day Xmas Day

At the Main Library children borrowed 1726 books and adults 4280, a total of 6006 or 240 a day. Lincoln Branch loaned 790.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 22.

Since the Board met in Dec.1922 -200 books have been added to the Library shelves, 112 purchased and 88 were gifts.

All of the departments were added to this month, the more important books being those placed in the reference room, real"Library tools".----

Statesman's Year Book for 1922, a manual of the governments of the world.
Brewer's "Reader's Handbook", contains famous allusions, names in fiction, plots ,proverbs, etc.
Brewer's "Historic Note Book", explains briefly allusions to historicevents treaties, customs,etc.
S.A.Bent's "Familiar Short Sayings of Great Men", this gives only oral utterances of great men and not quotations from their writings.
A.R.Frey's "Sobriquets" and Nicknames"
Who's Who in America, 1922-1923
U.S.Official Pictures of the World War
S.E.Dibble's "Plumbers' Handbook"
C.G.Wheeler's "Who Wrote it ?", a brief indexto the authorship of the more noted works in ancient and modern literatur

Books were given this month by Mrs.T.C.Beury,Mrs.Brawley, Miss Virginia Cork,Mrs.J.Q.Cottrell,Jack Crafton,Miss Aletha Calvert,and Mr.J.E.Lane.

The hours of the Library remain the same:
From 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. & on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Lochlestedt Lbn.

Jan. 2. 1923

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies & Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Jan.1923 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days, being closed all day New Year's Day

Children borrowed 1894 books and adults 5391, a total of 7285, or 280 a day.
Lincoln Branch loaned 488 and Garnett Branch 97, a grand total of 7870.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 21.

234 books were mended.

130 books and 2 volumes of bound magazines were received from the bindery.

For the new magazines added - "Outing", "Forest and Stream", "American Magazine", "Yale Review"and "Machinery", we have secured binders, which add to their apperance and preserve them.

Four lights had to be replaced.

Three sets of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia have been received, one retained for the children's room at the Main Library, the others were sent to the Branch Libraries.

120 books were purchased and 42 were gifts.

Miss Sue Staunton gave a 3 volume set of "The Empire of the Tzars" by Leroy-Beaulieu; others giving this month were: Miss Minnie McComas of St.Albans;Mrs. F.O.Craig; Mrs.Kearse; Mr.Walter Avis;Mr.George Ford, State Superintendent of Schools; Mr.Clifford Meyers, State Historian.

The attendance of children at the Story-Hour on Thursday afternoon averaged 32, which considering the bad weather this month, was very good.

The hours of the Library remain the same: on week-days from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday afternoons the Reading room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Feb. 5. 1923

Report - Feb.1923

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies & Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Feb.1923 was as follows:
The Library was open 24 days, being closed half the day Washington's birthday, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Children borrowed 1638 books and adults 5414 a total of 7052 at the Main Library, or 293 a day. Garnett Branch loaned 108, and Lincoln 563, a grand total of 7723.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 25.

230 books were mended.

Some important and interesting were rec'd this month; among them being
"Child psychology" 3 vols. by Rasmussen
"Early civilization" - Goldenweiser
"Short history of the world" - Wells
"Under four administrations" - Straus
"A hind in Richmond park" - Hudson
My years on the stage" - Drew
The reporters of both City papers have published lists of the new books as they are received, thereby letting the people know of any acquisition

Mr.A.M.Scott presented two valuable books to the Library: Hoyt's Cyclopedia of quotations, and a bound copy of the April 1901 number of the West Virginia Historical Magazine.

The Charleston Chapter of the Confederacy gave a copy of the book, "Jefferson Davis his life and personality" by Morris Schaff.

Dallas Payne Bouchelle gave 8 "Oz" books, Mr.Bertolet gave 6 technical books, Mrs.Garrett Fogle of St.Albans, gave novels, and Miss Blanche Henshaw also gave books.

The last report of the Librarian of Congress was received.

A blackboard to be used by Mrs.Sell on Story-Hour days, to illustrate the stories, adds a great deal to the enjoyment of the children.

The Library now receives "Chemical Abstracts", "Journal of the American Chemical Society" and "Industrial and EngineeringChemistry".

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. von Schlichtendal Lbn.

Rec'd Mch. 5th 1923

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for March 1923 was as follows:
The Library was open 27 days.

Children borrowed 1836 books and adults 5619, a total of 7455, or an average of 313 a day. Garnett Branch loaned 137 and Lincoln Branch 1119, a grand total of 8711.

239 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 23.

Since the Board met March 5-1923, 204 books were added by purchase, 40 were gifts and 17 bound periodicals.

Books were given this month by Alexis Garretson, J.E.Lane, and Mrs.Caroline Barnhart. An oil painting of roses, was given by Miss Blanche Finley of Richmond, Va. for the children's room; and Mrs.Clifford Ramsden of Halifax, England gave a plaster cast of Shakespeare.

Children's attendance at the Thursday afternoon Story-Hour averaged 37.

The hours of the Library remain the same:
from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days, and on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Lbn.

Read to Board members April 9-1923

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for April 1923 was as follows:
The Library was open 25 days.

Children borrowed 1446 books and adults 4676, a total of 6122 or 244 a day at the Main Library. Garnett Branch loaned 110 books and Lincoln Branch 876, a grand total of 7108.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 18.

247 books were mended.

Many interesting new books have been added since the last meeting of the Board.....The Carpenter travel books being among the most popular. Vol.16 of the National Cyclopedia of American Biography was received, and a complete set of the writings of Edgar Allen Poe. The Dial was subscribed to for three years. (Special offer)

The children's attendance on Thursday afternoons atthe Story-Hour averaged 16.

From the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. 2 vols. were received called "Service with fighting men". Mr.S.Keeney gave books and Mr.A.M.Scott gave Papers on evolution in pamphlet form. Two books on Jewish theology were receivedfrom the Macmillan Pub.Co., giver unknown. The American hotel directory was also received as an anonymous gift.

The hours of the Library remain the same:
From 10 a.m. to 9.p.m. on week days and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted:

Lbn.

The Board of Directors of [illegible]
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for April 1953 was as follows:
The Library was open 25 days.

Children borrowed 1446 books and adults 4671, a total of [illegible] an average of [illegible] a day at the Main Library. Bookmobile borrowed 110 books and Lincoln Branch 976, a grand total of 7193.

Visitors on Sunday afternoon averaged 15.

[illegible] books were repaired.

[illegible] interesting new books have been added since the last meeting of the Board. ... The Computer Trend books being among the most popular. Vol.15 of the National Geographic at Atlantic City was received, and a complete set of the writings of Mark Twain. The Dial was subscribed to for three years. (Special offer)

The only item's attendance on Thursday afternoons during Story-Hour averaged 14.

From the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. 2 cts. were received with "leaves with flowing ends". [illegible] books and Mr. A.M. Scott gave Papers on evolution [illegible]. [illegible] books on Jewish subjects were received from [illegible] Co., River Oaks [illegible]. The American Hotel directory was also received as an anonymous gift.

The hours of the Library remain the same:
from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted:

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for May 1923 was as follows:
The Library was open 26½ days, being closed at 1 o'clock May 30th. Decoratioh Day, for the rest of the day.

Children borrowed 1600 books and adults 4307, a total of 5907 or an average of 227 a day at the Main Library - Lincoln Branch loaned 626 and Garnett Branch loaned 30 a grand total of 6563.

174 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averagedd 15.

Since theBoard met May 14-1923 134 books have been added to the shelves, 119 purchased and 15 were gifts. A set of Luther Burbank books, fully illustrated have been placed in the Reference Department, and in the Children's Room , an attractive set called "My Book House" will be kept for table-books. "Curiosities of popular customs" has also been placed in the Reference Room.

The Thursday story-hour conducted by Mrs. W.D. Sell was well attended, the average attendance for May was 23.

The hours of the Library remain the same; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully sub,itted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhal

Librarian.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for June 1923 was as folows:
The Library was open 26 days and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock.

At the Main Library children borrowed 2196 books and adults 4535, a total of 6731, an average of 258 a day.
Garnett loaned 66, No report from Lincoln Branch.

249 books were mended.

Some interesting books have been added this month:
Bradford's Bibliographer's Manual of American History 5 vols.
Champlin's Cyclopedia of Painters and Paintings 4 vols.
The Jewish Encyclopedia 12 vols.
Nicolay's and Hay's Abraham Lincoln, a history 10 vols.
Historic Dress in America 1607-1870 2 vols.
and a book on library planning , a gift from Snead & Co. Jersey City, N.J. these were all placed in the Reference Room. 145 children's books have been added this month, and many others of interest notably: Public Opinion and World Peace, given by the Business and Professional Woman's Club, and Personal Genesis of the Monroe Doctrine by ex-Gov. Wm. A. MacCorkle.

The story-hour on Thursday afternoons has been continued, and the attendance averaged 10 in June.

Respectfully sub,itted,

(Mrs) B. von Schaltenbrand Librarian.

Report for July 1923

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for July 1923 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Independence Day.
Children borrowed 2502 books and adults 4288; a total of 6790 or 271 a day.
Garnett Branch loaned 137 books.
350 books were mended.
Visitors on Sunday averaged 11.

(Mrs) E. M. Schweitzer
Libn.

Report for August 1923

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in August, being closed all day August 10th, the day of President Harding's funeral.
Children borrowed 2412 books and adults 4530; a total of 6942; an average of 267 books a day.
Garnett Branch loaned 109 books.
416 books were mended.
Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 7.
Since the Board met july 2, 1923, 326 books have been added, 30 of which were gifts.
Books were given by Misses Catherine Guthrie and Eva Morley and Messrs. Arthur Bowerman, Harry Brawley, Victor Frederikson, and Franklyol Turner.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. P. E. von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Report for September 1923

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 24 days in September, 1923, being closed all day September 3rd, Labor Day.

Children borrowed 1751 books and adults 3965; a total of 5816, or 242 a day.

Garnett Branch loaned 186 books.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 13.

325 books were mended.

425 books were added by purchase, and 25 by gift.

254 books were sent to Lincoln school; this collection included many of the best childrens' books of travel, history, fairy tales and stories.

We shall duplicate this collection for Garnett Branch.

The most popular books this month were:

The Outline of history - Wells
The life of Christ - Pappini
Americanization of Edward Bok - Bok
Up stream - Lewisohn
The white flag - Porter
The mine with the iron door - Wright
The enchanted April - Arnim

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Librarian.

Report for October 1923

The report for the month of October 1923 is as follows:

The Library was open 27 days. At the Main Library children borrowed 1928 books and adults 4581; a total of 6509 and an average of 241 books a day. Lincoln Branch loaned 533 and Garnett 108. making a grand total of 7150.

457 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 14.

349 volumes were purchased and 42 were given. The Catholic Encyclopedia was given by the Knights of Columbus. Mr. E.B.Needham gave The Library of American History, 9 vols. and 2 supplementary volumes to the Book of History on the European War. Others who gave books this month were Mrs.W.H. Chilton, Ellen Douglas Robertson and Mr.W.D.Sell.

Other important books added this month are: A Dictionary of Applied Physics, 5 vols., which is in the Reference Room; The Encyclopedia of Education, 5 vols., which is also placed in the Reference department; Ploetz' "Manual of universal history" , Stedmans' Victorian and American Anthologies; a new set of Dickens and Scott; and Harper's Encyclopedia of United States History, in 10 vols.

The story hours at the Main Library on Thursday afternoons were well attended, and at Lincoln School the room was crowded to capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Report for November 1923.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 25 days in November 1923, and was closed all day Thanksgiving Day.

Children borrowed 2389 books and adults 4610, a total of 6972 or 278 a day at the Main Library. Garnett Branch loaned 109, Lincoln Branch loaned 623, a grand total of 7704/
250 books were mended.
Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 33.

Since the Board met Nov.20th.1923, 191 bookshave been added to t the shelves, 176 werepurchased and 15 were gifts.
Among the interesting reference books, may be mentioned Deems' Holy days and holidays, Bliss & Pinder's "New encyclopedia of Social reform, and Baldwin's Dictionary of philosophy and psychology. "The Bookstrap", is sent to the Library from the Charleston High School, and Mrs.William Jones gives "The Enigma", a puzzle magazine. Mr.A.M.Scott is giving "The Springfield Republican".

New book shelves have been installed in the Children's room, on which are placed the books of required reading for Junior High School students.

Two new typewriters have been placed in the cataloging room.

On Thursdays, the attendance has averaged 38 at the story-telling hour.

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days, and on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Librarian

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 25 days in Dec.1923, and was closed all day Xmas Day.

At the Main Library children borrowed 2478 books and adults 4484, a total of 6962. Garnett Branch loaned 114 andLincoln 885, a total of 7961.

336 books have been added the last month, 269 purchased and 21 were gifts, and 46 were bound periodicals.

Probably the most valuable addition for a long time was the variorum edition of Shakespeare 19 volumes. which were placed in the Reference room. Two histories of West Virginia by McWhorter and Sylveste Meyers, and W.Va.stories were added this month. A number of U.S. histories were also added: Channing's, Andrews' McLaughlin's, Dewey's Financial history of the U.S. and Moore's Industrial history of the U.S. American history told by contemporaries, and the Eiverside history of the U.S., and epochs of American history, West's American history and his Source book . All of these histories are at present being used by history students.

306 books were mended.

The attendance at Story-Hour on Thursday afternoons averaged 16 in Dec.1923., about as many as can be seated in the children's room.

On Sunday afternoons, those coming in for reference and reading averaged 13.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) E. Von Schlichtenfeld

Librarian.

Report for the month of Jan.1924.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:
The work of the Library for Jan.1924 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days, and was closed all day New Year's Day.

Children borrowed 2547 books and adults 5505, a total of 8052, an average of 309 a day. Garnett Branch loaned 111
Lincoln Branch loaned

Since the Board met Jan.14-1924 333 books have been added, 325 were purchased and 8 were gifts. New sets of O.Henry and Joseph Conrad have been added recently and there has been an effort to replace all standard authors, Henry James, Maxim Gorky etc. Many new children's books have been placed on the shelves.

The story-hour on Thursday afternoons was well attended.

Many nice books were given in January and will be ready for the shelves soon. Mrs.W.E.Chilton gave a fine set of histories by E. S.Ellis, Mr.Henry Fry gave a fine lot of books on the game of chess. Others giving liberally were Thurma Justus, Catherine Guthrie, Charls Spradling, and Harry Brawley.

The hours of the Library remain the same: From 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days and from 2p.m. to 5 p.m. the Reading room is open on Sunday afternoons.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) J. M. Schuchmann

Librarian.

Report for Feb.1924.

The Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Feb.1924 was as follows:
The Library was open 24½ days, the hours on Feb.22nd.,Washington' birthday were from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children borrowed 2597books and adults 5260, a total of 7857 or 314 a day. Lincoln Branch loaned 671 and Garnett Branch 109, a grand total of 8637.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 23.

241 books were mended.

Since the Board met Feb.11th.1924 273 books have been added, 195 purchased and 78 were gifts.

Mrs Abbie Needham, Mrs.D.C.Gallager, Miss Lucy Barber, Harry Brawley Ruth Watt and G.W.Goff gave many books in Feb.

Beautiful cut flowers were given for the desk.

The attendance at the Thursday afternoonstory-hour, conducted by Mrs.W.D.Sell, averaged 34, about as many as can be seated.

Gov.Atkinson gave a copy of his "Bench and Bar of West Va."
Three copies of the"Standard book of Facts"were bought, a copy was sent to each branch.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlotterbeck

Lbn.

Report for March 1924

The Board of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Libarry was open 26 days in March and every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5.

Children borrowed 2999 books and adnlts 5813 a total of 8812 at the Central library, or 338 a day. Garnett Branch loaned 235 and Lincoln Branch 1062, a grand total of 10,109 for March.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 28.

The children's story -hours on Thursday afternoons were well attended, 32 was the average attendance.

232 books were purchased this month and 34 were gifts. Complete editions of George Meredith and Henry Van Dyke were added this month.

380 books were mended.

Those giving books this month were:
Mrs.Craig
Miss Sue Staunton
Fillmore Hart
Katherine Guthrie
Mrs.W.E.Turner
Clifford Meyers

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlechter

Lbn.

Report of the Charleston Public Library for April, 1924

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for April, 1924 was as follows: The Library was open 26 week days and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 for reading only.

Children borrowed 2727 books and adults 4903; a total of 7630, or 293 a day at the Main Library. Garnett Branch loaned 272 and Lincoln Branch 532; a grand total of 8434.

314 books were mended this month.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 24.

A set of Doubleday's New Nature Library was sent to each branch. The complete works of Walter Pater and of John Morley, "English Men of action" and "English men of letters", Bailey's Cyclopedia of Agriculture, vols. 17 and 18 of White's National Cyclopedia of American Biography, and Sargent's "Manual of the trees of North America" were among the more important books received this month.

Of the new books may be mentioned Masson's "Life of Robert Lewis Stevenson"; 2 vols. of plays of G. Martinez Sierra; vol. 3 of the Outline of Literature, John Drinkwater, editor; Cortissez' "American Artists"; Carpenter's "Australia, New Zealand, and some islands of the South Seas".

Mrs. F.O.Craig, Miss Katherine Guthrie, Miss Mary J. Parry, and Mr. DeLa Fischer gave books this month, the latter giving about 50, including the works of Shakespeare, Stevenson, Poe, Kipling, and others.

The average attendance to hear the Thursday afternoon stories, told by Mrs. E.D.Sell, was 32. A recond is kept weekly of the different schools represented, and ~~Uni~~ Union School took the lead in April.

The hours of the Library are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays as stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. [illegible]

Librarian.

Report for May 1924

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26½ days in May, and was closed one-half day on Memorial Day.

Children borrowed 2666 books and adults 4995, a total of 7661 at the Central Library, Carnegie Branch loaned 101 and Shawnee Branch 27, a grand total of 7789.

130 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 27.

A number of histories and books on economics were added, the New International Year Book, The Highland Chase of 2 Hand Evols., The works of Geoffrey Chaucer, ed.by W.W.Skeat, 6vols. were received this month.

Mr.Roy Bird Cook of Charleston, presented his "Family and Early Life of Stonewall Jackson", others giving books in May were:
Mrs.Ben Rosenberg, Forest Fleshman, C.Ben Dent, Telephone Maps Co., and Libbey Owens Sheet Glass Co.,

Several volumes of periodicals were from the Library, and were placed in the Reference Dep't.

The children's story-hour conducted by Mrs.Bell was enjoyed by the children of the city, Saint Luke School taking the lead with 40.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Bell

Lbn.

June - July - August 1924

June 1924

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The statistics for June 1924 are as follows:
Children borrowed 3062 books and adults 4676, a total of 7738, or 309 a day.

July 1924

In July the Library was open 26 days and closed all day July 4th.
Children borrowed 2527 books and adults 5431, a total of 8514 or 327 a day.

Aug.1924

In August the Library was open 26 days.
Children borrowed 2711 books and adults 4934, a total of7645 or 294 a day.

Since the Board met June 9-1924 503 books have been added, of these 68 were gifts, 186 books have so far been loaned to Glenwood school, and others are in preparation. Of the more important books received are the New Larned history for ready reference in 12 vols. Chaucer's complete works, ed.by W.W.Skeat in 7 vols. these sets are in the reference room. A large collection of stereoptican pictures have been purchased for the children's room.

Mrs.W.D.Sell has conducted the story-hour every Thursday throughout the summer, with very good attendance.

Books were given this summer by Mrs.Arthur Koontz - Mr.Lagergren - Paul Cox - Mrs.Wade Guthrie - Mrs Elwood Cooper - William & Ben Polsgue - D.C.Howard - Forest Washburn - Catherine Guthrie - Donald Maxwell - Earl Hanshaw - Mrs.Roger Young - Mrs.John Roy Wolfe - H.O. & J.F.Stine - Israel Hark - Arthur Stine - Virgil Casto - H.K.Bartlett Mrs.Geo.Couch - Mrs.Clara Murray -

Beautiful cut-flowers were given at various times by Mrs.Walter Avis and Mrs.W.D.Sell.

(Mrs) B. m Schlichtenfel

Respectfullt submitted

September, 1924

The Board of Directors of the Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In September 1924 the Library was open 25 days and closed all day Sept.1- Labor Day.

Children borrowed 2070 books and adults 4924, a total of 6994 or 279 a day. Lincoln Branch loaned
Garnett Branch loaned

At Glenwood school which has a loan collection from the Library, 885 books were read by the children.

385 books were added to the Library this month.
81 of these were loaned to Glenwood school, 69 were rebound books and bound periodicals; 229 were purchases and 6 were gifts.

Most of the books this month were replacements.

The 1924 edition of the Encyclopedia Americana in 30 vols. was received.

Those giving books in September were Mrs.A.S.Guthrie and Mr.W.C.Kelly.

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichter

Lbn.

October 1924.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen: The work of the Library and branches for the month of October 1924 was as follows:

The Library was open 27 days, at the Main Library. Children borrowed 2803 books and adults 5348, a total of 8151 or 301 books a day at the Main Library.

Lincoln Branch loaned 1032
Garnett Branch loaned 104
Glenwood reported read.

522 books were mended.

Since the Board met Oct.6-1924 129 books have been added, 91 were purchased and 38 were gifts. Among the important books rec'd may be mentioned:
Human Origins 2 vols. by G.G.McCurdy
Admirals of the Caribbean - by F.R.Hart
Mark Twain's autobiography 2 vols.

Those giving books this month were Mrs.Wade Guthrie and Mrs.W.E.Chilton.

Mrs.Walter Avis & Mrs.Mattson gave beautiful cut flowers.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Lbn.

November 1924.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library and branches for November 1924 was as follows:
The Library was open 24 days all day and closed all day Thanksgiving Day.
On Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock it is open for reading and refere
only.

Children borrowed 3303 books, over 25% of them were non-fiction.
The number loaned to adult readers was 5499, over 33 % was non-fiction.

Lincoln Branch loaned
Garnett Branch loaned 110
Glenwood reported that 1126 books of our loan collection were read.

Since the Board met Nov.3-1924 296 books have been added to the Main Library, Garnett Branch, & Glenwood school. 269 were purchased, 26 were gifts and one vol.was added by binding.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 43.

Among the important books added may be mentioned:
Galapegos: world's end - by C.W.Beebe (ref.dep't.)
The Lincoln Library of essential information 1 vol. (ref.dep't.)
The complete novels and stories of Henry James were rec'd.
Daniel Defoe's works; the Sproul edition of the The Virginians; Vanity Fair; Pendennis; & the Newcomes.
Two sets fo Carpenter's world travels were rec'd, one set was sent to Garnett Branch and one set will be sent to Lincoln Branch.
New fiction, children's books and replacements make up the total of books added. 26 "easy" books were sent to Glenwood school as a loan.

Books were given by Mrs.Judge Miller, Rev.C.H.Mallory, Mrs.Eagan, & Mr.Joe French.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Lbn.

Dec.1924

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library and branches for December 1924 was as follows

The Main Library was open 26 days and closed all day Xmas Day.

Children borrowed 2801 books, over 25% of them were non-fiction.

Adults borrowed 5065, 3703 of which were books of fiction
The total for the Main Library was 7866 or 302 a day.

Lincoln Branch loaned 850

Garnett Branch loaned 73

Glenwood reported 750 books were read, making a grand total for the month of Dec.1924 of 9539.

Since the Board met Dec.8-1924 327 books have been added to the Main Library and branches, the greater number going to the branches this month. 89 were gifts (mostly fiction) and 22 were bound periodicals.

Among the important books added may be mentioned the West Va. code, Woodrow Wilson by Wm.Allen White; Civilization and climate by Ellsworth Huntington; Charles Proteus Steinmetz by J.W.Hammond;

The hours of the Library are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week-days & on Sunday afternoons, the reading room is open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian.

Jan.1925

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Jan.1925 was as follows. The Main Library was open 26 days and closed all day New Year's Day.

Children borrowed 2660 books and adults 6080 a total of 8740, at the Main Library, or 336 a day.

Lincoln Branch loaned 931 books

Garnett Branch loaned 151 books

Glenwood school reported 818 books read,

A grand total of 10,640

359 books were repaired

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 36

325 books were added this month by purchase, the complete sets of Kipling and Oscar Wilde were among the important additions. Other books were women of 1923; Women of 1924; Conflicts with oblivion, by W.C.Abbott; Story of an undependent newspaper, by Richard Hooker; Benevente's plays, 4th series; Diary of a dude-wrangler, by Struthers Burt; other books were mostly new fiction and replacements. Forty books were sent this month to Garnett Branch.

108 children were present at the story-hour at the Main Library in January.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb.1925

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In Feb.1925 the Library was open 24 days and on each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

At the Main Library adults borrowed 5644 books and children 2320, an average of 331 books a day. At Lincoln Branch 1263 were borrowed, at Garnett Branch 120, and of the loan collection at Glenwood School 1100 books were reported read, making a total of 10,447. Since the meeting of the Board in Feb.529 books have been added by purchase, 8 were gifts and 42 were bound volumes of periodicals.

Among the more important books received in Feb. may be mentioned:
Hauptmann's Dramatic Works
Life and Letters of John Muir
The peasants by Reymont, the 1924 Nobel prize novel.
The Harvard Classics and lectures on the Classics 51 vols.
Angkor the Magnificent by H.C.Candee
Beautiful Mexico by Vernon Quinn
Hudson Maxim, reminiscences and comments
The confessions of a beachcomber by E.J.Banfield

70 children attended the Thursday afternoon story-hour at the Main Library, this Story-hour is conducted by Mrs.W.D.Sell. On Friday afternoons in Feb.she held the story-hour at Lincoln School.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal

Lbn.

March 1925

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for March 1925 was as follows: The Library was open 26 week days and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5, the Readiig Room was open.

Children borrowed 3101 books and adults 5938 or 9039 at the Main Library. Lincoln Branch reported that 1152 books were loaned Garnett Branch loaned 159. Glenwood School which has a loan collection reported that 1096 books were read, making a grand total of 11,446.

273 books were repaired.

Readers on Sundat afternoons averaged 39.

361 books were added this month, 313 were purchased, 47 were gifts and one was a rebound vol.

Among the important books added to the Reference Dep't. may be mentioned Skeat's "Etymological dictionary of the English language Reinach's "Apollo" - Who's Who 1925 - Who's Who in America for 192 "New Guide to Reference Books" - Mexican Year Book - Chisholm's "Handbook of commercial geography" - Hool & Kinne's "Structural Engineers' Handb ok Library 6 vols." - Pratt's "New encyclopedia of music and musicians" - Mulhall's "Dictionary of statistics" Longfellow's "Cyclopedia of works of architecture in Italy, Greece, and the Levant"

Other important new books are: Co lins' "Our American kings" "Windows of Westminster" by a gentleman with a duster -

Several anthologies of American and English poetry are among the new additions.

The art dep't was increased by: McSpadden's "Famous sculptors of America" - Plowman's "Handbook of Etching" - Pach's "Masters of modern art" - Weitenkampf's "American Graphic art" - and several each of the series of Distinguished American Artists and British Artists.

The novels, tales and sketches of J.M.Barrie were received.

Some interesting biographies are: Wilfred Grenfell by Matthews
Joseph Conrad by F.M.Ford - The romantic rise of a great American (Wanamaker) by Conwell - The life story of an ugly duckling (Marie Dressler) by Dressler - Napoleon by Elie Faure
John Keats by Amy Lowell
Portrait of a publisher (Appleton) by Grant Overton

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlottedal

April 1925

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in April.

Children borrowed 2869 books and adults 5123, or 7992 at the Main Library, Lincoln Branch loaned 769 books & Garnett Branch 135, Glenwood School reported that 1066 books of the loan collection were read, making a total of 9962 for April.

On Sunday afternoons the average number using the Library was 28.

341 books were mended.

156 children attended the Story-Hour conducted by Mrs.W.D.Sell, which averaged 31 each Thursday, about as many as can be seated.

Since the Board met April 13-1925, the complete works of Tolstoi have been added and the novels, tales & sketches of J.M.Barrie.

F.L.Paxson's "History of the American Frontier", was rec'd; this book was awarded one of Pulitzer prizes, as one of the most notable achievements in the historical line. Other noteworthy books are:
"The Spirit of the Revolution" by J.C.Fitzpatrick
"The Northern Muse" by John Buchan
"Two ordeals of democracy" by John Buchan
"Lord Minto" by John Buchan
"Borneo, stealer of hearts" by Oscar Cork
"1700 miles in open boats" by Cecil Foster
"Conflict between liberty & equality" by A.T.Hadley
"Through the Philippines" by F.G.Carpenter
"Six years in the Malay jungle" by Carveth Wells

Books were given in April by Mr.R.S.Spillman, and Gellert Alleman of Swartmore College sent booklets, which are addresses on scientific subjects. Mr.Roy Bird Cook gave his book on "Family and early of Stonewall Jackson" this is the 2nd. edition revised and enlarged.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Lbn.

May 1925

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for May 1925 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days; but on Memorial Day, May 30th. it was closed from 1 to 6 p.m.

Children borrowed 2632 books and adults 5240 at the Main Library, at Lincoln Branch 800 were loaned, at Garnett 109 and Glenwood School reported that 848 books of the loan collection were read, a total of 9629 for May.

367 bbooks were mended.

Thoses using the reading rooms on Sunday afternoons averaged 28

79 children attended Mrs.Sell's story-hour on Thursday afternoo

Books were given in May by the American Electric Railway Assn. Mrs.W.W.Ballard; Mrs.J.E.Dixon; Mr.Dave Howard; Mr.Geo.E.Kohut; Mr.C.W.Smith; & Miss Olive M.Wildman, Representative Walter F. Lineberger sent a House document.
Ariel, the life of Shelley was given anonymously.
Mr.Walter E.Clark of the Charleston Daily Mail presented the Library with a membership in the American Rose Society, the membership entiltes the Library to the American Rose Annual & Standardized Rose Names and any other publications issued by the Society.

In May the complete works of Henrik Ibsen and Francis Hopkinson Smith were received; the Cambridge ancient history 2 vols.; the Cambridge mediaeval history 4 vols.; The Statesman's Year Book for 1925; other books received were new fiction and Hunte Liggett's "Commanding an American Army"; Frothingham's "Edward Everett"; Morley's "Dora Wordsworth, her book"; Laughlin's So you're going to Italy"; O'Kane's "Trails and Summits of t the White Mountains"

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) B. von Schachtendal

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Report for June 1925 -

Children borrowed 2866 books, 2313 of which were fiction.
Adults borrowed 5333, 3831 fiction & 1502 classed. 9 French books were loaned.

542 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 19.

Report for July 1925

Children borrowed 2752 books, 2242 were fiction & 510 non-fiction.
Adults borrowed 5241, 3833 were fiction & 1408 non-fiction.
14 French books were loaned.

443 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 15

Report for August 1925.

In August children 2496 books, 2040 were fiction.
Adults borrowed 5017, 3643 were fiction & 1373 non-fiction.
9 French bboks were loaned.
491 books were mended.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 12

Report for Sept.1925.
The Library was closed on Labor Day from i to 6 p.m.

Children borrowed 1745 books, 1352 were fiction & 393 non-fiction.
Adults borrowed 4685, 3174 were fiction & 1511 non-fiction.
Garnett Branch loaned 104 books, Glenwood School reported 457 books read.
400 books were mended. 12 French books were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 26.

Some of the important books received are vol.6 of the Mythology of all races.
Compilation of the last 3 yrs. of Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature. J.H.Robinson's Humanizing of knowledge and Chancellor's London of Dickens and London of Thackeray.

Respectfully submitted,

Lbn.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichten

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:
The work of the Library for October 1925, was as follows:

The Library was open 27 days.

Children borrowed 2391 books and adults 5821 a total of 8212 or 304 books a day at the Main Library.
Garnett Branch loaned 203 books
Lincoln Branch 1102 and Glenwood School reported that of the loan collection 641 were read, a grand total of 10,158.

43 visitors was the average for Sunday afternoons.

Books were given by O.S.Baker, Geo.G.Barber, Mrs.A.J.Buck, Mrs. Pritchard, R.Sinclair of Oshkosh, Wis., Mrs.H.B.Smith, & Mrs.J.A. Tunison.

Mrs.John W.Miner of Richmond, Va. gave $5.00

Since Oct.5, when the Boa rd met, 336 books have been added; 226 purchased, 110 were gifts--112 were sent to the Branches, including the Americana Encyclopedia to Lincoln Branch.

Complete editions of Turgenieff, Poe, & Eugene Field have been received.

Complete sets of Conrad & Kipling were sent to Garnett Branch & Kipling to Lincoln Branch.

Many new juveniles and new fiction have been received, these in the re-inforced publishers' binding.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Lbn.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,

Ladies and Gentlemen:
The work of the Library for November 1925 was as follows:

The Library was open 23½ days and on Sunday afternoons, it was closed all day Thanksgiving Day and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Armistice Day.

Children borrowed 2884 books and adults 5642, a total of 8526 at the Main Library.
Garnett Branch loaned 209 books
Lincoln Branch " 882 "
Glenwood School reported that 707 books were read, making a total of 10,324 for Nov. 1925.

222 books were purchased, 36 were gifts and 19 were bound periodicals and 4 were re-bound books of the 281 added to the Library and branches in Nov.

50 books were sent to Glenwood School, a part of the new loan collection.

Among the more important books added in Nov. may be mentioned the "International Standard Bible encyclopedia" in 5 vols. The Library of Poetry and Song" 3 vols. new ed. ed.by W.C.Bryant both of these sets of books were placed in the Reference Section. New fiction, children's books and the important non-fiction books such as biographies, travel etc. have been received.

Mrs.W.D.Sell goes on Thursday & Friday afternoons to the different graded schools for story-telling, in this way reaching many children.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichten Sell

Librarian

Report for Dec.1925

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and gentlemen:

The work of the Library for Dec.1925 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days & was closed all day Xmas day.

Children borrowed 2661 books & adults 5321, a total of 7982 at the Central Library or 307 a day.
Garnett Branch loaned 134
Lincoln " " 711
Of the Glenwood School loan collection 310 books were reported read.
Making a grand total of 9137

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 35.

538 books were repaired

264 books were added to the Main Library & branches this month. 222 were purchased, 41 were gifts and one vol.--the West Va.Review was bound. Vol.1 of the W.Va.Review was indexed b. Miss Susan Porter Making it of much greater value as a reference "tool".

Those giving books in December, were Mr.Wm.Kaltner, Mrs.Dora May Coffman, and Mrs.Arthur Koontz.

New biographies added include Lord Grey's "Twenty-five years". "Parnell", "Joan of Arc", Barton's "Lincoln", Cushing's "Sir Wm.Osler" Wm.Allen White's "Calvin Coolidge", Stanard's "The dreamer, Edgar Allan Poe", Bowers' "Jefferson and Hamilton", Maurice's "Robert E.Lee", the soldier"

The hours of the Library remain the same: from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons the Reading Room was open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal

Librarian

The work of the Library for Jan.1926 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days and was closed all day New Year8s Day.

Children borrowed 2751 books & adults 6866 a total of 9617 at the Main Library or 384 books a day.
Garnett Branch loaned 239 & Lincoln 842; of the Glenwood School loan collection 544 were reported read, a grand total of 11,242

510 books were repaired.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 39.

Since the Board met Jan.11-1926 139 books have bben added to the the Main Library & Garnett Branch. 128 were purchased & 11 were gifts; to Garnett Branch were sent Stedman & Hutchinson's Library of American literature 11 vols.; Mark Twain's complete works; O.Henry's short stories; Bryan's Dictionary of Painters & engravers; the New Standard Dictionary & Nations of today, 6 vols.

The S.Spencer Moore Co. Gave the Library 2 1925 Chatterboxes; John A Brown gave a copy of Jpsephus.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal

Librarian

Feb.1926

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the library for Feb.1926 was as follows:
The Library was open 23½ days, being closed from 1 to 6 p.m. on Geo.Washington's birthday.

Every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5, the reading-room was open.

Children borrowed in Feb. 2323 books and adults 6152 a total of 8475 at the Central Library.
Garnett Branch loaned 213; Lincoln Branch, 602 and Glenwood, reported that of the loan collection 790 were read, making a grand total of 10,180.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 55.

205 books were repaired.

104 books were received by purchase for the Library & Garnett branch; 11 were gifts.

Of the important books sent to Garnett branch were:
Stevenson's "Home book of verse"
Grove's "Dictionary of music & musicians"
Statesman's year-book.
Lippincott's gazetteer 2 vols.
A very useful set of books entitled "Modern eloquence", 11 vls. including lectures, after-dinner speeches, addresses, anecdotes etc. will be ready for Garnett branch soon.

For the Central library replacements and new fiction formed the bulk of the additions.

Books were given by Mr.W.D.Sell, Mrs.Wade Guthrie, Wm.Neurman, Homer Harkins, Delbert Teil, & the "Great Lakes, St.Lawrence, Tidewater Assn.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhal

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March 1926

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Library was open 26 days in March.

Children borrowed 2964 books and adults 6717, a total at the Main library of 9681 or 356 books a day.
Glenwood reported 984 books read.
Lincoln branch loaned 350
Garnett branch loaned 168

Grand total 11,183

654 books were repaired
Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 63

Since March 1-1926 173 books have been added to the Library and branches by purchase and 44 were given.

The legislative handbook & manual for 1925 was sent to the Library by Mr. John T. Harris.
The historian's history of the world in 15 vols. is among the important acquisitions this month.

Thomson's Outline of science 4 vols;
Schauffler's Holiday series 8 vols.
Reinach's Apollo;
Bulfinch's Mythology
and Bartlett's Familiar quotations were important reference books sent to Garnett branch library.

Sandburg's "Abraham Lincoln 2 vols. & H.L.Foster's "Tropical tramp with the tourists" & Harboard's "Leaves from a war diary" are interesting new books at the Central Library.

April 1926

The Board of Directors, Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for April 1926 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days and on Sunday afterhoons from 2 to 5.

Children borrowed 2697 books and adults 6126, a total of 8823 at the Main Library, or 339 books a day.
Garnett branch library loaned 171 books
Lincoln branch loaned 442
and G;enwood reported that 884 bbooks of the Library loan collection were read, making a grand total of 10,280.

Since the Board met Apr.5-1926 53 books have been purchased and lo were gifts.

Dr.Ball gave many periodicals; Mrs.Wade Guthrie gave books as did Tracy Griffiths.

Mrs.Walter Avis gave beautiful Spring flowers.

608 books were mended.

Readers on Sunday afternoons averaged 37.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Librarian

May -1926

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for May 1926 was as follows:
The Library was open 17 days, and was closed from the 6th.to the eve ing of the 15th. of May, when thebooks were transferred from the Library in the Red Cross Bldg. to the new home of the Library on Lee Street between Hale & Dickinson Sts. (The old Capitol Annex)

Books borrowed this month totaled 5554 at the Main Library, 1963 of which children borrowed.
Garnett branch loaned 432
Lincoln branch no report
Glenwood school no report
Crescent Center 512
a total as reported to date 6498

Visitors on Sunday afternoons have averaged 55

Since the Board met on May 4th.1926 126 have been added to the shelves by purchase, 51 by gift and 55 were bound periodicals.

On the occasion of the opening of the new library, many fine books were received from friends of the institution; every one giving did not inscribe his name in book, therefore we have not a complete list of those giving.

Those giving liberally were:

Mr.Cramer
Mrs.W.B.Brooks
Mrs.Walter Avis
Miss Sue Staunton
Dr.& Mrs.Hugh Nicholson
Mr.Harry Reapp
Mr.& Mrs.Geo.E.Price
Mr.W.B.Mathews
Mrs.Geo.S.Laidley
Mr.H.L.Riggs
Mrs.Wade Guthrie
Mr.C.L.Stonaker
Mr.J.Roy Fuller
Mrs.Sam Matheson
Mrs.S.A.Moses
Mrs.W.E.Chilton

Two fine sets of books for children just shelved are "Our wonder world" 11 vols. & the "Book of popular science" 15 vols.

The hours of the Library remain the same from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday afternoons the Library is open for reading & reference.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlachtendal

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June 1926

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of the Library for June 1926 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days.
Children borrowed 2699 books and adults 5693, a total of 8392
at the Main Library
Crescent Library loaned 675
Garnett Branch loaned 77
A grand total of 9144

599 books were mended.

In June 234 books were added by purchase & 60 were given.

The Americana encyclopedia was bought for Lincoln Branch library

The Main library was enriched by the addition of Historic Highways, 16 vols. (this is also in Lincoln Branch) & Stedman & Hutchinson's Library of American literature, 11vols. (this set is also in Garnett Branch)

The majority of new books this month were much-needed juveniles

Mrs. W.E.Chilton gave an interesting book in 4 vols. for the reference dep't, entitled "Women of all nations"

Mr.Harry Reapp gave the 1917 American Year-book.

Vol.4 of the Cambridge Ancient history, and vol.5 of Cambridge medieval history, have been received.

At the Main Library in June 1926, 139 cards were issued to new members, and 59 old cards were renewed.

Miss Susan Porter has gone to Simmons College for the summer course in library science, and Miss Adelaide Collins is taking the second summer's course at the Chautauqua, N.Y. School for librarians.

Substitutes engaged in their absence are:
Miss Eunice Mattson full time @ $100.00
Mrs.W.B.Lewis part time @ 50.00
William Barger " " @ 50.00
Virginia Quarles is employed 4 hrs. a day for July & August 2 hrs for mending books & 2 for carding & shelving books.
William Barger is employed @ 50cts an hour to take an inventory of the books at the Main library, in every dep't, the other assistants to follow up his work and to account for missing or misplaced books. The work has progressed well, the reference dep't, classed books & fiction through "R" the rest of the fiction has to be finished & the childrens' books.

A gong has been installed to be rung at 5 minutes to 9 p.m. to notify people that closing hour is near, buzzers have been installed for the librarian & staff. The hours of the library remain the same: form 10 a,m, to 9 p.m. weekdays & on Sunday afternoons the reading room is open from 2 to 5.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) B. von Schlechtendal

Reports:

July 1926:
Children borrowed 2397 books & adults 4621, a total of 7018 at the Main Library
Crescent Center Loaned 465, a grand total of 7483

August 1926:
Children borrowed 2402 books
Adults " 5489
a total of 7891 at the Main Library
Crescent Center loaned 456 books, making a grand total of 8347

Sept.1926:

Children borrowed	1736	books
Adults	4774	
A total of	6510	at the Main Library
Crescent Center loaned	338	
Lincoln	442	
Garnett	192	
Glenwood	541	
Making a g5and total of	8023	

In Sept. visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 35
Since the Board met July 8-1926, 649 books have been added by purchase to the Main Library & branches. 45 volumes have been bound, and 112 books were added by gift.

Many valuable books have been given and will made ready for the shelves as soon as possible.
Those giving most generously were:
Mrs.W.E.Chilton
Mrs.Harry Embleton
Mrs.Wade Guthrie
Miss Mary Va.Miller
Mrs.Maiscott
Mrs.Hugh Hartinger
Mrs.James Campbell Mathews

Mrs.Walter Avis has given beautiful cut flowers.

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal

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November 1926:

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library,
Ladies and Genelemen:

The Library was open 25 days in November 1926, being closed all day Thanksgiving Day, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Armistice Day.

Children borrowed	2752	books
Adults	5758	
A total of	8510	at the Main Library
Crescent loaned	647	
Garnett	186	
Glenwood	876	
Making a grand total of	10219	

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 47.
185 books were mended, if sent to the binder @ 55¢ would have totaled $101.75

Since the Board met Oct.18t.1926, 540 books have been added by purchase, 293 of which were bought for Garnett Branch.
106 were gifts and 76 were rebound.

Mr.Edward Needham gave some beautiful books and pictures;
6 vols. of the Art Journal illustrated with many fine steel engravings.
A 2 vol. folio Shakespeare, finely illustrated with steel engravings, and a portfolio of 100 French pictures, engravings and etchings of French paintings.

The theosophical society of Chicago gave the Library about a dozen books on theosophy.

The Swedenborg Book Center of Baltimore gave the Library some Swedenborgian books.

The American Printer, Inc. sent to the Library 91 pictures of American history, all mounted and suitable for exhibition purposes, also the Sesqui-Centennial number of the "American Printer, Inc." vol.83 no.1

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal

Librarian

Report for January, 1927.

The library was open in January, 1927, twenty-five days, being closed all day January 1st.

Children borrowed 3062 books and adults 6350, a total of 9412 at the main library.

Main library		9,412
Crescent Center branch	loaned	488
Lincoln "	"	253
Glenwood "	"	526
A total of		10,679 for January, or 427 a day.

Since the Board met December 6, 1926, 602 books have been added to the library and branches by purchase, 25 rebound periodicals and books, and 80 gifts. Of the purchased books 77 are for Glenwood loan collection and 21 for Garnett branch.

Important books added are: The complete works of Alfred Tennyson, 8 vols; Nations of today, 12 vols; John Marshall's life of George Washington, 5 vols., which were placed in the Reference Room; The outline of Christianity, also in 5 vols., and placed in the Reference department; Thomas Percy's Reliques of ancient English poetry, 3 vols.

The majority of the books this month were for the children's department.

Mr. Harry Flournoy of the Gazette has written some good stories about the new books.

195 books were mended in January.

Visitors on Sunday afternoon averaged 43.

Books were given by Mrs. F. O. Craig and Jack Crafton, and Mr. Paley of New York City sent chemical journals.

Respectfully submitted,

Report for February, 1927.

The library was open in February, 1927, twenty-four days.

Children borrowed	2,838 books			
Adults	5,755	- a total of	8,593	at the Main library
Crescent Center loaned			567	
Lincoln			232	
Garnett			292	
Glenwood reported that			1,149	books were read
Making for February			10,833	

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 56.

150 books were mended.

Since the Board met February 7th:

126 books have been added by purchase.
60 were gifts and 9 were rebound.
26 were sent to Crescent Center.
10 were sent to Garnett.

A new edition of the Book of Knowledge has been received and will be on the shelves shortly.

Other books have been new fiction, children's books and miscellaneous. The rebound books were French books given by Mrs. W. E. Chilton and Mr. Kinkaid.

Respectfully submitted,

Report for March, 1927.

The Board of Directors of Charleston Public Library:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The library was open 27 week days in March and every Sunday afternoon(for reading) from 2 to 5.

Children borrowed 2,966 books
Adults borrowed 6,516, making a total of 9,482 at the Main, or 388 a day

Crescent loaned	613
Lincoln "	602
Garnett	930
Glenwood	1,176
Making a grand total of	11,803

books were mended

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 57

294 books were added by purchase- 31 were gifts and 37 were bound periodicals.

Of these, 37 were sent to Crescent Center Library and 10 to Garnett.

Vol. 4 of The mythology of all races was received from Marshall Jones Co.

Many books have been added to the library on education and science the past month. New fiction has been added and beautiful books for the children's corner - books suitable for little children up to Grade 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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